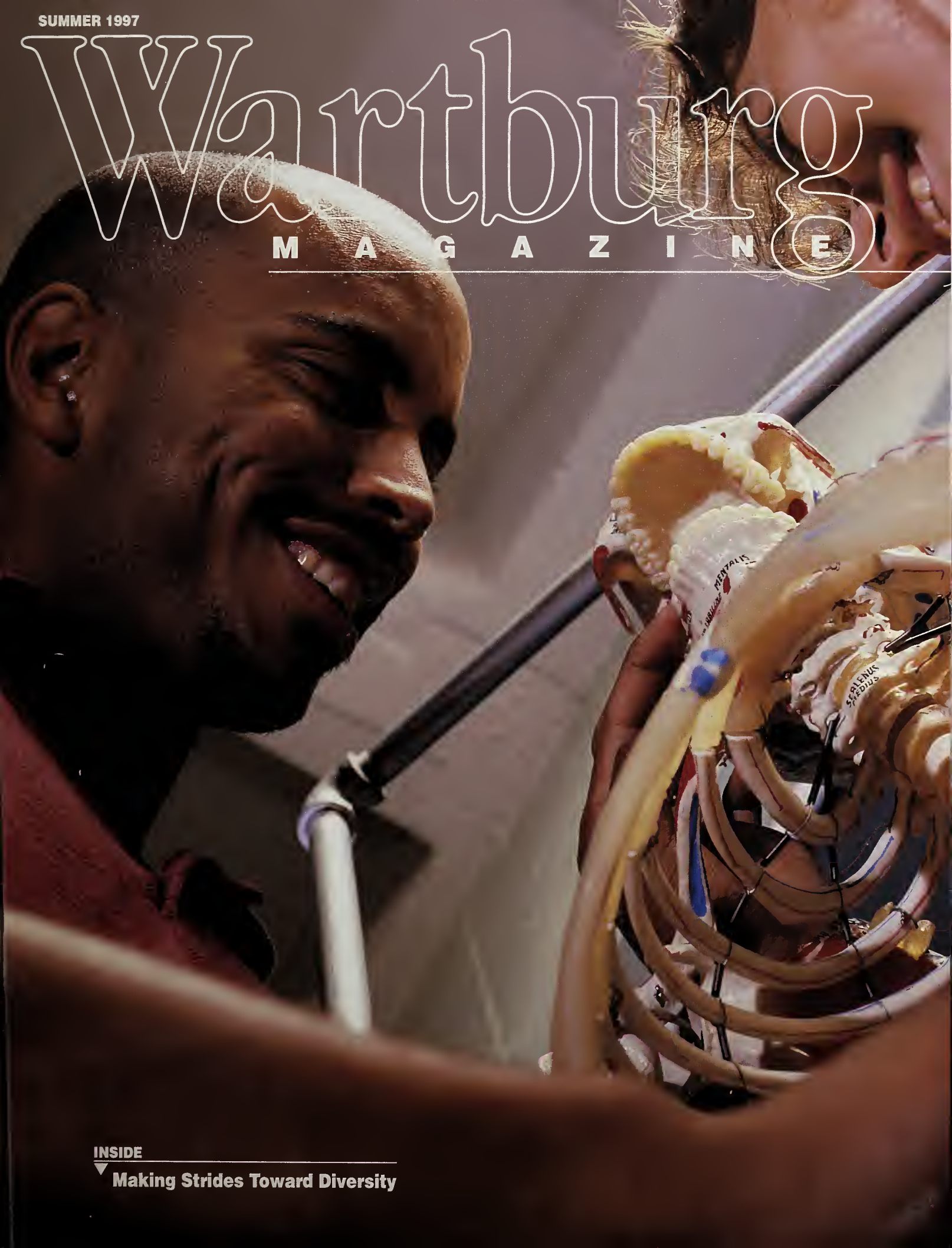


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Helping minority students make it through



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“Why do you want to go to a small school in Iowa?” asked my mother, family, and friends. Fifteen years ago, my answer was, “I enjoyed the campus tour, the school has great academics, the professors seem to really take an interest in the students, and the small-town atmosphere is very inviting.” When I was 18, those were the things that were important to me.

My four years at Wartburg were memorable. I established a lot of great friendships—friendships that are stronger today than they were then. I learned about life away from home. My parents weren’t with me to monitor my behavior, so I had to make responsible decisions.

Most importantly, I learned to lean on God. God was and still is important in my life, but at Wartburg I had an opportunity to see the “sustaining” side of God’s grace. For my memories of college also include being called the “N” word by students, residents of Waverly, and even children. I remember making the front page of the *Trumpet* when a racist student from another campus hit me in the face with a glass. I remember seeing all 14 of the minority students who entered with me leave Wartburg because they didn’t want to deal with the “trauma” of attending this small school in rural Iowa. I remember the covert behavior and remarks by professors who for some reason didn’t understand why I wasn’t laughing after what they had said about African-Americans.

So what kept me coming back year after year? What has motivated me to give time and service to the college as a member of the Minority Alumni Advisory Committee (MAAC)? What has me recruiting for the college and giving technical assistance when I can? And what has me writing this article?

The answer is simple: PURPOSE. Everyone has a purpose. I stayed at Wartburg, I thought, because I was stubborn and I was going to prove a point to so many people who thought I would fail. But in 1990, when I was asked to serve on MAAC, I began to understand why I really stayed at Wartburg. God has given me an opportunity to help minority students make it through a great institution of higher learning. I have been afforded the opportunity to assist the college in assessing and hopefully eradicating the negative things. So my PURPOSE is to make someone else’s life better—better in big and small ways.

I believe at some point, life has to be more than selfish ambition, more than donating money instead of time, and more than holding on to hurtful events in the past. What is your PURPOSE?

Johgina D. Densmore '86
Co-chair, Minority Alumni Advisory Committee

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Gotta Dance!

When the Wartburg College Concert Band arrived in Innsbruck, Austria, during this year's European tour, they found a lively May Day celebration in progress. Naturally, they wanted to join in the fun. Here, Heather Hugley '99 of Newton, Minn., tries out a polka with a member of the Innsbruck town band.

About the cover

Travis Montgomery '97 of Waterloo, Iowa, successfully combined academics and athletics during his four years at Wartburg. He graduated with a biology major and will attend the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland. He was the 1997 winner of the Lynes-Koob Award in men's basketball, which goes to the senior judged by the coaches to have made a major contribution to that program. He is pictured with Natalie Schardt of Dubuque, Iowa, in a biology classroom.

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Convocations will enliven weekdays at Wartburg

Wartburg's 1997-98 Convocations Series will include topics ranging from Midwestern lifestyles to concerns about the environment and civil rights.

All programs are free and open to the public. Convocations begin at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium, unless otherwise noted.

OPENING

Thursday, Sept. 11, Campus Mall

Dr. Paula Brownlee, president of the American Association of Colleges and Universities, will discuss the value of a liberal arts education.

LEADERSHIP

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Steve Werner, executive director of Habitat for Humanity, will address the importance of service and commitment to community.

IOWA HUMANITIES DAY

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Wartburg will be the site for this year's Iowa Humanities Day, co-hosted by the college, the Iowa Humanities Board, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Centering on the theme, "Person, Spirit, Place: Patterns of the Midwest," the day's events will include a convocation and related panel discussions, exhibits, readings, and performances.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Dr. Bill Schulz, executive director of Amnesty International, will discuss the need to fight for human rights and justice throughout the world.

GLOBAL/MULTICULTURAL

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Students will share insights from their cultural immersion experiences.

CORPORATION EDUCATION

Tuesday, Nov. 18

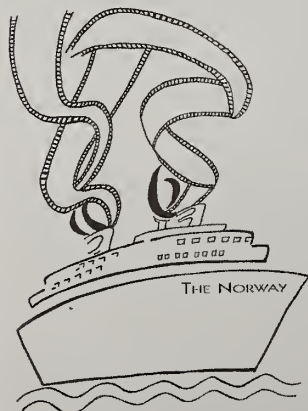
Author Sally Helgesen will discuss the innovative ways companies are taking advantage of the strengths, talents, and ideas of personnel at all levels of the organization. She has written *The Female Advantage: Women's Ways of Leadership* and *The Web of Inclusion: A New Architecture for Building Great Organizations*. A panel of business professionals will respond to her remarks.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Judy Richardson, co-producer of the video documentary *Eyes on the Prize*, will reflect on how the lessons of the American civil rights movement apply to the future.

Symphony season includes five concerts, February cruise



"Site-Seeing" is the Wartburg Community Symphony's 1997-98 theme. According to Dr. Janice Wade, musical director and conductor, the five concerts of the season will feature musical treats from around the world.

The orchestra will do a little sightseeing of its own on a February cruise of the Eastern Caribbean. Wade

said alumni, parents, and friends are invited to accompany the musicians on this cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines' flagship, *The Norway*. The trip is scheduled for Feb. 28 to March 7. Further information is available from Uniglobe Travel with Us in Waverly, 319-352-5605.

The symphony's first concert, "Dark Journey," will coincide with Wartburg's Homecoming weekend on Saturday, Oct. 18.

In keeping with a three-year tradition, the orchestra will play the original musical accompaniment for a silent film. This year's offering is *Phantom of the Opera*.

Other concert themes and dates are "Holiday Visits," Saturday, Dec. 13; "Points of View," Saturday, Feb. 14; "Scenic Routes," Saturday, March 28; and "Natural Settings," Saturday, May 9.

Season membership rates will remain the same this year, but the price of single admission tickets will increase to \$8, compared with a past rate of \$6.

Individual season memberships at \$25 admit one person to all five concerts. Memberships at the \$40 Family level or above admit the entire family. Other support levels include Impresario, \$50-\$74; Prodigy, \$75-\$124; Artist, \$125-\$249; Virtuoso, \$250-\$499; Maestro, \$500-\$999; and Gold Baton, \$1,000-\$5,000.

Persons who wish to purchase season memberships should contact Verona Zelle at 319-352-2348 or Dottie Heering at 319-352-4509.

FUTURES PROJECT, GRAVEN AWARD

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 26-27

This year's Futures Project will address the environment. The convocation will examine questions about the future of human populations. The annual Judge Henry N. and Helen T. Graven Award for outstanding Christian lay work will be presented as part of this event.

BLACK HISTORY

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Nathan McCall, author of the bestseller, *Makes Me Wanna Holler*, will discuss what it's like to grow up as a black man in today's America. He will share his own journey from gang member to prison inmate to *Washington Post* reporter.

THE REAL WORLD

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Sean Sasser, a cast member of MTV's *The Real World III*, and an African-American gay male, warns of the dangers of HIV and AIDS.

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Tuesday, March 10

Rebecca Walker, editor of *To Be Real: Telling the Truth and Changing the Face of Feminism*, will speak about Third Wave feminism and forms of activism.

THE GERMAN CONNECTION

Tuesday, March 24

Horst Becker, former director of the Neuendettelsau Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria, Germany, will tell the story of Wilhelm Loehe and how social ministry crosses national borders.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND SCHOLARSHIP

Tuesday, April 7

Wartburg will honor outstanding seniors and recognize the faculty recipient of the Student Award for Teaching Excellence. A graduating senior will discuss the faculty's impact on the Wartburg experience.

Comedy, jazz, string ensembles on Artist Series line-up

The 1997-98 Wartburg College Artist Series will feature comedy, jazz, and classical strings.

According to Dr. Ronald Matthias, Artist Series director, the season line-up will include The Capitol Steps in October, the Colorado String Quartet in November, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band in February, and the Amsterdam Guitar Trio in March.

A brochure outlining the programs and prices will be available in August. Matthias said season tickets, which in the past have provided a discount of approximately 20 percent, are an even better value this year, offering a more than 30 percent savings over single admission prices.

A gourmet buffet dinner will be served in the Castle Room of the Student Union prior to each Artist Series performance. Tickets are \$10 per person, but season ticket buyers may purchase tickets to all four dinners for \$30.

Programs and dates include:

The Capitol Steps, Wednesday, Oct. 1

The Capitol Steps brought down the house in their last Artist Series appearance in 1992. The former Congressional staffers satirize politics and politicians by creating new lyrics for familiar songs. They have recorded 16 albums, including their recent offerings during the Clinton administration: *Lord of the Fries* and *The Joy of Sax*.

The Colorado String Quartet, Saturday, Nov. 1

One of the premier string quartets in the country, the group has won the Naumburg Chamber Music Award and the Banff International String Quartet Competition. The four women will be in residency at the University of Iowa next year.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Wednesday, Feb. 4

New Orleans' renowned jazz group last performed at Wartburg during the 1971-72 Artist Series season. They are the musicians who not only made musical history with Bourbon Street jazz but are perpetuating it as well.

Amsterdam Guitar Trio, Wednesday, March 11

Considered one of the finest guitar ensembles in the world, the group performs classical and contemporary music. The trio's recording of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* won an Edison Award. The group has been singled out for its imaginative transcriptions and for contemporary pieces that exploit possibilities hardly imaginable on the guitar.



Love of teaching leads professor back to academe



EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING—Dr. Roy Ventullo, winner of the 1997 Student Award for Teaching Excellence, works with (l-r) Cari Lyle of Keota, Iowa, Sally Knox of Bloomington, Minn., and Mark Haussmann of Bloomsburg, Pa., in chemical analysis during one of his biology classes.

► by Duane Schroeder

Job satisfaction is sometimes a greater pay-off than “making the big bucks.”

Ask Dr. Roy Ventullo, associate professor of biology and holder of the Myrle M. Burk and Vera Burk Will Chair in Biology. After a short and more lucrative career in industrial research, he returned to his real love, teaching. His reward came when Wartburg students selected him for the 1997 Student Award for Teaching Excellence.

Ventullo's original intent was to teach and do research. After earning his doctorate at the University of Georgia in 1978 and doing two years of postdoctoral work at the University of Calgary in Canada, he taught for 12 years at the University of Dayton.

During that time, he served as a consultant for Procter and Gamble, and the firm tried to recruit him several times. Finally, a higher salary and an opportunity to work with some of the top research professionals in the field helped him make the decision to move.

He was appointed a senior research scientist in environmental science and focused his efforts on the safety and effects of chemicals used throughout the industry.

“Procter and Gamble is a responsible company when it comes to the environment,” Ventullo said. “It is sympathetic to the environment and works hard at producing safe products.”

But within two years, Ventullo was having second thoughts about his move.

“I began missing the interaction with the students,” he said, “and I felt my own intellectual curiosity taking a downturn. When you do research for industry, you focus on one problem, solve it, and then go on to the next problem. There isn't as much variety as in academic research.”

Ventullo decided to return to academe, and he accepted a position at Wartburg in 1993.

“Teaching allows me to do a variety of things: lecture, conduct research, help students gain skills while working on their own projects, and lead an expedition into the ‘jungle,’ to name a

few,” he wrote when asked why he chose teaching as a career. “In what other profession can you do all those things?”

“The more I am able to help students understand the important environmental and health issues of the day, the more likely they are to be active participants in the global village. I made a short foray into industry and realized it was not my calling. I missed teaching: the mentoring, the discussion sessions, the new ideas and curiosity students bring to the table. Why teaching? It is downright fun sometimes.”

At Wartburg, Ventullo co-chairs the Guyana project, which takes students to that South American country for work and study every other May Term. He continues to work with students on research that deals with biodegradable soy-oil based lubricants. He teaches six courses a year, including microbiology, general biology laboratories, and the 455-456 Research Sequence, which involves 48 students each year (24 doing research and 24 writing proposals for research in the next term).

Ventullo also serves on several faculty committees, and in his spare time, he is a Scout leader. He and Waverly-Shell Rock sixth grade teacher Liesa Bailey plan and lead an annual Kids and Computers workshop on campus each summer.

He says he thinks his chief attribute as a teacher is the willingness to listen.

“I try to be approachable. I work the students hard, but I also understand that students have different learning styles. I try different technologies and approaches on them, and they seem to like that. My style is to combine lecturing with lots of hands-on experience, which I think makes it easier for them to become engaged in their work.”

Presser Grant will help fund music technology classroom

A \$40,000 challenge grant from the Presser Foundation of Bryn Mawr, Pa., will provide half the funding for a new music technology classroom in the Fine Arts Center.

According to Dr. Rick Torgerson, vice president for development, the grant is contingent on the college raising the remaining \$40,000 needed to complete the project. He said Wartburg hopes to match the funds by this summer and have the facility ready for student use this fall.

"We are tremendously excited about the possibilities this lab will create for us," said Dr. Ted Reuter, associate professor of piano and chair of the Music Department. Reuter noted that last fall, Wartburg enrolled the highest number of music majors in its history.

The classroom will include 20 student computer work stations and a presentation station for the instructor. Each student work station will have access to CD-ROM, various music software, a dedicated MIDI (music instrument digital interface) keyboard, headphones, and microphones.

The presentation station will enable the teacher to utilize CD-ROM, a laser disc player, an audio cassette player, a dedicated MIDI keyboard, headphones, and microphones for instruction.

Classroom equipment will also include a 35-inch color television with cable hookup, a video cassette recorder, a document camera projector, and an LCD (liquid crystal display) for projecting master computer output in color onto a large projection screen for class viewing.

The new facility will be used for courses in music theory, ear training, composition, and orchestration. Reuter said the technology will allow music history faculty to play audio or videotapes of performances while projecting the score onto the large screen. The classroom will increase the opportunity for interactive teaching in any music course and enable faculty to evaluate and edit student assignments "on disc."

When no classes are scheduled, the classroom will be open to all students for individual music training or completion of music assignments and projects.

Board of Regents reduces percent of student cost increase

The Wartburg Board of Regents has lowered the percentage of increase in student costs for the sixth consecutive year. Costs in 1997-98 will increase 4.51 percent, compared with 4.72 percent last year.

Tuition, fees, room, and board total \$17,620 for 1997-98, up \$760 from last year. The increase includes an additional \$600 for tuition, \$10 for fees, \$70 for room, and \$80 for board.

Faculty receive tenure, promotion

The Wartburg Board of Regents granted tenure and/or promotions to nine faculty at its February meeting.

Receiving tenure were Dr. Roberta Bodensteiner, education; Thomas Payne, art; A. Lynn Peters, social work; Dr. Jeffrey Snider and Dr. Suzanne Torkelson, music; and Dr. Janice Yee, economics.

Bodensteiner, Payne, Snider, Torkelson, and Yee were also promoted from assistant to associate professor.

Three faculty members were promoted from associate professor to full professor: Dr. Josef Breutzmann, computer science and mathematics; Dr. Cheryl Budlong, education; and Dr. Fred Strickert, religion.

Student earns scholarships

It was an eventful spring for Andrew Miller '98 of Fort Collins, Colo.

A physics and mathematics double major, Miller was one of 282 recipients nationwide of a Goldwater Scholarship, which covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board up to \$7,500. Winners were selected from 1,164 mathematics, science, and engineering students.

The Wartburg senior also received a National Security Education Program Undergraduate Scholarship for Study Abroad. The scholarship goes to qualified students who intend to study the languages and cultures of countries currently underrepresented in study abroad. Miller will participate in the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics program at the College International in Hungary during Fall Term 1997.

An article he submitted to *Episteme*, an undergraduate journal in philosophy, will be published in September.

Board redesigns library rather than build new facility

The library project at Wartburg has taken a new direction after the Board of Regents revised the budget downward.

According to President Robert Vogel, the administration and the board agreed that \$8 million was a more readily obtainable goal than the original figure of \$9.8 million. Within that framework, the board voted to renovate the current library and add new space rather than to build a new facility.

Vogel said the renovation and expansion will provide a larger library at

less expense. The plan also calls for a 47 percent increase in volumes through the use of compact shelving.

Chief architect for the renovation/expansion project is Charlie Kurt from the Durrant Group of Dubuque, Iowa.

Dr. Richard Torgerson, vice president for development, said the college has received two major gifts for the project. The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust of Muscatine, Iowa, has committed a \$200,000 challenge grant, which requires Wartburg to raise

an additional \$400,000 in new support prior to March 15, 1998.

The R.J. McElroy Trust of Waterloo, Iowa, has committed \$500,000 for use in expanding Wartburg's archives to include a special collection on the history of broadcasting in Iowa.

Wartburg will also receive approximately \$150,000 from two additional challenge grants from the Carver Charitable Trust.

Bringing in the sheaves

If you are a grain or livestock producer, gifting farm products to Wartburg College may be a good way to realize your charitable goals.

Dr. Richard Torgerson, vice president for development, says grain and livestock gifts eliminate the self-employment tax for some donors.

"A commodity gift made directly to the college has a value of approximately 20 percent more than a cash gift resulting from the donor's sale and subsequent taxes on the same commodity," he adds.

Persons thinking of a commodity gift should consider:

1. The donor must be an active farmer using the cash-basis method of accounting.
2. The gift must be the product itself (i.e., grain, livestock), not the proceeds resulting from the donor's sale of the product. The donor can direct a grain elevator to issue the elevator ticket to Wartburg College, as in the letter. Farm-stored products can be gifted to the college by sending Wartburg a notarized and witnessed letter, stating the amount and location of the product and Wartburg's rights or control over the product.
3. The donor should consider using last year's products, since the cost of production has already been expensed out. Production costs of the current year's product cannot be deducted from the donated portion.
4. The donor cannot claim a charitable deduction for commodity gifts. Tax savings result from not having to declare income from the product.

Letter sets gift in motion

Dr. Richard L. Torgerson
Vice President for Development
Wartburg College
222 Ninth St. N.W.
P.O. Box 1003
Waverly, IA 50677-0903

Dear Dr. Torgerson:

I would like to gift 3,000 bushels of grain in support of Wartburg College. The grain is currently located on my farm. When you are ready to sell the grain, you should contact the manager of the local elevator company. He will make provisions to have the grain hauled from my farm to the elevator.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Torgerson says commodity gifts provide the following benefits:

1. The donor fulfills the goal of supporting Wartburg.
2. The gift enriches the Wartburg experience for students.
3. The donor reduces taxable income from the gifted product, thus saving income tax (28%) and the self-employed Social Security tax (15.3%).

Torgerson recommends that individuals considering a commodity gift consult their accountant for current Internal Revenue Service regulations.

Shortly after receiving the above letter, the college contacted the elevator company. Within 10 days, Wartburg received a check totaling more than \$13,000.

Alumni Association to award three citations at Homecoming

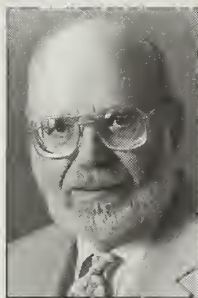
Three alumni will receive citations from the Wartburg Alumni Association at the Homecoming Alumni Dinner Friday, Oct. 17. The citations recognize contribution to and support of the college, vocational and professional achievements, and contributions to the community and/or church.

Frederick H. Gonnerman '55 **Northfield, Minn.**

Gonnerman has spent his life as a communicator for the church and various branches of its educational system.

Immediately upon graduation from Wartburg, he became an editorial assistant at *The Lutheran Standard*, a publication of the American Lutheran Church (ALC), which later became part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. At the same time, he was earning a B.D. degree from Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He also edited the *Lutheran Youth* magazine while a seminary student.

He was a parish pastor in Painesville, Ohio, before becoming assistant director of public relations at the national ALC office in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1961. In 1966, he began a 23-year stint as director of information services at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. He has been director of public relations at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., since 1989.



Miriam G. Lutz '84 **Geneva, Switzerland**



One of the most capable linguists ever to graduate from Wartburg, Lutz has spent her life serving the refugees of the world, first through the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and then with the Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches. She currently is executive director of Action by Christians Together (ACT).

After completing her master's degree in French at the Monterey School of Languages, she went to Nairobi, Kenya, to serve as a free-lance translator. It wasn't long before she became involved with refugees in East Africa and began her work with the United Nations. In 1993, she was assigned by the UN High Commissioner of Refugees to Croatia and a year later to the camp for Rwandan refugees near Kabare, Zaire.

Because of the intense violence fueled by ethnic strife at these camps, the Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches led a group of 40 other global relief agencies to form ACT, which provides humanitarian intervention in such situations. Lutz is its first executive director, a task requiring high diplomacy, quick ingenuity, imagination, and a caring heart.

The Rev. Keith Tomlinson '65 **Waverly, Iowa**

Tomlinson is chaplain and director of pastoral care at Bartels Lutheran Home in Waverly.

In nominating him, Dr. Nancy Anderson '58 wrote, "(He) is a compassionate, sensitive man who has done an exceptionally fine job of ministering to the needs of the aging and dying. He is not a nationally known personality but instead represents thousands of Wartburg alumni who go quietly about their work and touch the lives of many people."



Before her death, Erna Moehl, longtime member of the Wartburg English Department, wrote of Tomlinson, "In times of sickness and distress, he is the first to know what has happened and to be at the hospital. There, he ministers not only to the (Bartels) residents but also to their families.... He has raised the morale of the staff and the workers by being one of them.... Along with all this, he finds time for pastoral care at the Eichhorn Haus, the apartment complex attached to Bartels.... Accepting such a job and carrying it out with dedication, intelligence, creativity, humor, and joy is an outstanding achievement."



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TERESA HONEYCUTT '99—of Kansas City, Kan., is among the increasing number of African-American students enrolling at Wartburg.

Making strides toward

UNIVERSITY

Wartburg's minority enrollment reaches record high

► by Linda Moeller

"What did I get myself into?" Greg Chambers recalls thinking. He was on his way from the Waterloo Airport to Waverly, the final leg on the journey from his home in Boynton Beach, Fla., to begin his first year at Wartburg College.

"I saw nothing but cornfields," says Chambers, an African-American accustomed to urban life in an ethnically diverse setting. Yet, as he reflects on his first year at Wartburg, he concludes, "This is where I'm supposed to be for now. Maybe I can touch someone's life. Maybe they can touch me."

Chambers is among a growing number of African-American students from large and medium-sized metropolitan areas who have chosen to spend their undergraduate years at Wartburg.

In a year when enrollment reached an all-time high of 1,467, the college achieved a record 8.8 percent enrollment of American-ethnic students. Most of them are African-American, but the percentage also includes Asian, Hispanic, and American Indian students. It does not include international and biracial students, which would make the figure even higher.

Comparative statistics in a Feb. 23 issue of the *Waterloo Courier* indicate that Wartburg is doing markedly better than neighboring schools in creating a diverse campus. The article listed Luther College's minority population at 2.6 percent, while it was 4.2 percent at the University of Northern Iowa.

"We make a concentrated effort to make it financially possible for minority students to come here," says Jamie Hightower, director of financial aid and Affirmative Action. The effort includes four scholarships each year to minority students from Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Iowa, funded through endowments established by the late Harry and Polly Slife and the R.J. McElroy Trust.

Hightower, who is African-American, notes that when she came to Wartburg in July 1992, there were fewer than 10 African-American students on campus. That number has now reached 70.

"It's critical that we continue our efforts, not only for minority students, but also for the majority students," says Marcus Newsom, admissions counselor and coordinator of diversity recruitment who recruits students from Missouri,



FLOORMATES—Erin Ellerbusch '00 of Emmetsburg, Iowa; Aisha Rhinehart '99 of Chicago, Ill.; and Heather Nail '00 of Iowa Falls, Iowa, say goodbye for the summer after living on the same floor in Clinton Hall during the 1996-97 academic year.

A SENIOR SURVEY

A survey of this year's graduating senior minority students asked,

"What have you learned at Wartburg that you don't think you could have learned at another institution?"

"I've learned how to get along with people different from me and to quit stereotyping, because all people are different. You just have to get to know them," said one respondent. "Small-townners are cool, too!"

Kansas, and Florida. "Many of our students are from Iowa, and their concept of diversity is only in Waterloo or Des Moines."

Newsom identifies with the students he recruits. The Kansas City native couldn't accept a football scholarship to the University of Northern Colorado because his ACT scores weren't high enough. He enrolled instead at a community college, where his English professor gave him an F on his first paper and predicted he'd never make it through college. Newsom persevered, earned an A in the class, and successfully completed junior college. Instead of transferring to a large football program, he enrolled at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan., where he concentrated on finishing his bachelor's degree and played football.

"Now, in my job, when students tell me people have automatically written them off, I tell them to let it be a challenge," says Newsom, who coaches football and track.

Newsom says recruiting minority students is "easy when you have an institution like Wartburg that you believe in. I love it here, because we believe in kids."

Once they get here, however, things aren't always so easy. An undercurrent of campus opinion has centered around whether the college has lowered its standards to increase diversity.

Dr. Mary Margaret Smith, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, says Wartburg is committed to recruiting good students, "and this is not mutually exclusive with a diverse student body." She acknowledges some concern that the average ACT score for the first-year class dropped slightly this year, but she points out that race does not account for the difference. The average ACT score of Wartburg minority students is two points higher than the national average. And because standardized tests may involve cultural bias, the college follows the College Board's recommendation, which takes into consideration class rank, grade point average, and college prep courses in admission decisions.

"Based on these factors, the profile of students is consistent with years past," Smith says.

Once admitted, however, minority students may find the social adjustment to life at Wartburg more difficult than their class work.

"The first year is very tough," says Rickey Hall, director of student diversity programs and services. "It's the shock of being in a predominately white community, a predominately white institution, and in a rural community on top of it.

"They're dealing with all the stuff new students deal with. On top of that, they may be first-generation college students, and they may feel guilty about leaving their families and the sacrifices their families are making to send them

CHECKING OUT—Roxanne Williams '98, right, of Chicago, Ill., and Melanie Harms '99 of Forest City, Iowa, go over the room check-out list at the end of May Term. Williams will begin her third year as a resident assistant in Clinton Hall this fall.



to college. They're also dealing with a negative mindset from some people in the college community who believe that they've been 'let in.'"

"You can get kind of disappointed until you get used to it here," concedes Roxanne Williams '98, who came from a large, all-black high school in Chicago. "But I think I've done a complete turnaround since I've been at Wartburg. When I came, I was complaining that activities weren't geared to my interests. If you get involved, you find out how to influence what goes on here."

Williams has served as president of the Cultural Awareness Organization, and next fall, she will begin her third year as a resident assistant in Clinton Hall.

"I thought I was going to go crazy when I first came here," adds Meloyne Wimbley '98, who graduated in a class of 1,000 students from a large Chicago high school.

"I was homesick my whole freshman year," she says. Yet her self-motivation and the encouragement she received from other students kept her at Wartburg, where she's become active throughout the campus and last year served as president of the Campus Activities Board.

"I try to tell students when they come here, 'If you want to

make something happen, you can't wait for it to fall in your lap. Get in there and make it happen,'" Wimbley says.

A new musical opportunity for students emerged from that approach this year with the formation of a

Gospel Choir. Directed by the Rev. Eugene Phillips, an associate minister at Gift of Life Ministries in Waterloo, Iowa, the choir practices twice a week and sings at campus worship and other events.

"It kind of fills a void for many students," says Teresa Honeycutt '99 of Kansas City, Kan. Honeycutt is already busy as a resident assistant, a member of the Cultural Awareness Organization, and a deejay for the campus radio station. But, she says the Gospel Choir, which is open to all students, serves as a more familiar form of musical expression for many participants and provides a spiritual dimension as well. Rehearsals end with group prayer as students gather in a circle of friendship.

"It's important to get students connected," Hall says. "We need to be more intentional in thinking about minority students in programming throughout the campus."

"We need to see a diverse population as a resource," adds Dr. Mary Margaret Smith, noting that Wartburg has done a good job of infusing global and multicultural education into the curriculum without making it a requirement. "We need to similarly include American pluralism and cultures."

Minority students and Wartburg administrators all agree that Wartburg needs more faculty and staff members of color.

"Students have to see role models in all



GOSPEL CHOIR—The Rev. Eugene Phillips, at piano, leads a rehearsal of Wartburg's new Gospel Choir. The choir, which is open to all students, was organized during Winter Term. It has been a popular musical and spiritual outreach for minority students.

parts of the college," says Hightower. "If we're going to continue our efforts toward a diverse campus, it's important to go beyond student recruitment and also concentrate on a diverse faculty and staff."

"It's not only for the minority students," Hall says. "It's even more important that white students have the opportunity to see people of color in leadership roles."

The college is making inroads, according to Smith. She says Wartburg seeks to represent ethnic and cultural diversity in its faculty and in shorter-term visiting scholars. The college has hired alumnus Mannie Holmes '71 for a tenure track position in social work. Two African-Americans serve on the Board of Regents: Dr. Arthur King, director of the division of business and economics at Winston Salem University, and Robert Smith, director of the University of Northern Iowa's Center for Urban Education in Waterloo, Iowa. With King's help, the college hopes to establish exchanges with historically black institutions.

"Commitment to diversity means you keep thinking of ways to do it," Dr. Mary Margaret Smith explains.

Being in the minority is not always easy, but students say they've grown through their experiences at Wartburg.

"I used to check to see how many other black students were in class," says Roxanne Williams. "Now my attitude is what can I learn from this class?"

"Intercultural Communication should be a required course," adds Teresa Honeycutt. "In it, I got to know the people behind the faces." Honeycutt also suggests that cultural sensitivity classes should be mandatory for Wartburg's faculty and staff.

"Really, what a lot of people are going on are stereotypes," says Rickey Hall of racial issues. "We've got to get to know students individually, both black and white. People will live up or down to their expectations."

"I honestly believe we as minorities are educating the majority students on campus," says Marcus Newsom.

And, Newsom adds, helping minority students make a successful adjustment to college and stay on to finish their degrees is critical.

"A lot of these students don't have anything to go home to," he says, relating the story of a student he recruited at another institution. The student was succeeding academically but was tired of having no money. He decided to drop out and move back to the hostile inner-city environment in his hometown.

"He had been home for a month when his mother called me," Newsom says. "She wanted me to give the eulogy at his funeral."

Success by

► by Linda Moeller

It took five years, an 18-month detour to a community college, and several gut checks along the way. But at the end of the 1997 summer session, Duane Williams will become the first member of his family to earn a four-year college degree.

It wasn't easy. Williams came to Wartburg from Bayonne, N.J., with the primary goal of playing football. He found success on the Knights' offensive line but says that "focusing so much on football, I let things slip through my hands." He found himself in academic difficulty, ended up on academic probation, and was finally suspended.

Short on money, ineligible for football, and unable to return to Wartburg, Williams could have given up and returned home.

"There were so many times when nothing went my way," he recalls. "But then I'd say, 'Look where you are and look where you've come from.' I wanted to make my mother proud."

It was his mother who encouraged him to go to Wartburg in the first place. Recruited by Bayonne native Jerome Rowan, a former Wartburg admissions counselor and assistant football coach, Williams knew the college only through the other Bayonne students Rowan had recruited the year before. But Williams had already determined that he would go to college somewhere.

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Williams finishes long road to B.A.

"I wanted to become more than a statistic," he says, citing the sobering unemployment, crime, and life expectancy rates for young black men in the inner city. Bayonne is located just north of Staten Island, N.Y., and just across the Hudson River from Brooklyn.

"When I first came here, I had that city attitude," Williams concedes, but he eventually came to appreciate life in Waverly enough that, "If I were to raise kids, I would raise them in Iowa."

After his academic suspension, Duane decided to remain in Waverly and enroll at Hawkeye Community College in nearby Waterloo, Iowa. His successful completion of an Associate of Applied Science degree in police science allowed him to re-enroll at Wartburg, where he will finish his sociology degree in August.

"Time management was tough to deal with," he says, "but I found some good people in the community to help me out." His Waverly landlord let him work for part of his rent, and his employer at Godfather's Pizza was flexible in scheduling hours around classes.

The more successful Williams became with time management, the better things got. He returned last fall to complete a final year of football eligibility. After doing an internship last summer at Bremwood, a Waverly adolescent treatment center, he

began working there part-time in January. In April, he was offered a full-time position at Bremwood's Woodhaven Shelter in Waterloo. Working with troubled teens and "seeing what I could have been" heightened his resolve to complete his degree.

"Wartburg is not easy," Williams says. "It helps to focus and set reachable goals. It helps when you have a good adviser."

He credits Jerome Rowan, former minority adviser Rochelle Rowan, faculty advisers, and Wartburg friends, including several close international students with helping him through the tough times.

"I saw them going through the same things I was," he says. Like American minority students, most of Wartburg's international students are from large cities, are a long way from home, and sometimes encounter indifference or hostility from other students or community residents.

"My whole life did a 360 in the last year," says Williams, noting that he's more mature, more understanding, less aggressive, and now looks at things before he reacts.

"I'm ready to put things together and move on with life," he concludes.



TRIUMPHANT DAY—Judith Williams of Bayonne, N.J., made her first trip to Waverly to see her son, Duane, graduate from Wartburg College May 25. Williams will complete his degree at the end of August. His sister, Synthia, 7, also made the trip.

Chicago Tribune examines diversity at Wartburg

Last spring, *Chicago Tribune* education writer Janita Poe accompanied 50 students from inner-city schools on a weeklong tour of Midwestern colleges, including Wartburg.

The trip, which several Wartburg students and graduates made as high school students, is organized by Ada S. McKinley Community Services on Chicago's South Side.

In an article published May 11, Poe wrote of Wartburg:

"Minority enrollment at the school began increasing in 1987 after Wartburg's Board of Regents issued a mandate for more diversity at the college. Since then, the school has created several special social and educational events for minority students and set up a 12-member Minority Alumni Advisory Committee, which helps recruit minorities and advises the school on minority issues.

"The effort also has helped the school prevent black students from dropping out or transferring, a problem many colleges face, officials said. During the 1995-96 school year, Wartburg retained 84 percent of its black students, compared with a retention rate of about 87 percent for all students. Just three years before, the retention rate for blacks was only 63 percent."

Alumni mentor minority students

Wartburg alumni serve as meaningful mentors to minority students through the Minority Alumni Advisory Committee. The group meets on campus twice a year to support students, lobby for minority issues, and hear reports from students and administrators about the state of minority affairs at Wartburg.

"It gives the administration someone to be accountable to," says MAAC member Melba Adkins Hale '75 of Chesterfield, Mo. Although Hale describes Wartburg as "not yet what we want it to be," she says today's minority students are more involved in activities and leadership roles than her generation.

MAAC co-chair Johgina Densmore '86 of Chicago, Ill., describes part of the group's role as letting the college know "what we see from our eyes, because we have different eyes." She believes MAAC's presence on campus twice a year helps with retention.

MAAC members help the Admissions Office by contacting prospective students,

referring students, and attending college fairs in their areas.

Marvin Spencer '88 of Waterloo, Iowa, MAAC co-chair, says members also serve as mentors for students. MAAC celebrates the accomplishments of graduating seniors with an annual recognition banquet. Last year, the group organized Wartburg's first minority alumni reunion.

"MAAC gives you something to look up to," says first-year student Greg Chambers of Boynton Beach, Fla.

Students also appreciate the fact that MAAC members take time to talk about their concerns and offer advice.

Other MAAC members are Felecia A. Boone '92 of Minneapolis, Minn.; Al Jackson of West Palm Beach, Fla.; Carl Montgomery '87 of Arlington, Texas; Walter M. Nichols '90 of Chicago, Ill.; Rochelle Rowan of Naperville, Ill.; Ronald '74 and Donna Lowry '76 Williams of Naperville, Ill; and R. Thompson '73 and Deborah Green '73 Zackery of Eagan, Minn.

MAAC AWARDS—Seniors who received this year's MAAC awards for "successful matriculation, distinctive leadership, and dedicated service" are, from left, ReShonda Young, Waterloo, Iowa; Donald Parker, Chicago, Ill.; Suzanne Todnem, Hastings, Minn.; Marcus Williams, Wichita, Kan.; Anita Dantzler, Chicago, Ill., and Travis Montgomery, Waterloo, Iowa.





SOCIAL WORK PROF—Mannie Holmes '71 visits with Ryan Reisner '99 of Fort Dodge, Iowa, during class.

to get to know them. At the end of the semester, some of them are better, some of them are worse," he observes.

While he doesn't like to think of himself as a role model, he says it's important that students of color see other people of color succeeding in an environment.

Holmes worked with the Iowa Department of Human Services in Waterloo after his graduation from Wartburg. He earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Iowa in 1974 and worked as director of the adolescent treatment program at the Mental Health Institute in Independence, Iowa, from 1975 to 1981.

Since then, he had been a school social worker for the Area VII Education Agency in Cedar Falls, Iowa. He is also a board member of Peoples Community Health Clinic and Covenant Health Care Systems in Waterloo, Iowa.

Although he had taught some classes at the University of Northern Iowa, Holmes says, "I was very happy with my job

After a successful career as a social worker, Mannie Holmes '71 returned to his alma mater this year as a visiting professor in the Social Work Department. His success in the classroom was rewarded in May with the offer of a permanent position, which he accepted. He is currently Wartburg's only African-American faculty member.

"To be able to come back to the place you graduated from has been a wonderful experience," Holmes says, joking that the professors he knew as a student have greeted him warmly, but "in the back of their minds, they're thinking, 'What grade did I give that guy?'"

Holmes observes that Wartburg has made strides in recruiting minority students. "When I was a senior here in 1971, there were seven or eight other African-American students," he recalls.

Yet the increased numbers have not necessarily led to greater tolerance.

"I think maybe the atmosphere is a little worse now than when I was here," Holmes observes. "I've noticed an undercurrent of hostility on the part of majority students. They tend to resent minority students coming in. They think they're catered to."

Holmes says establishing a class atmosphere that encourages discussion allows these issues to come out. He enjoys teaching Person and Society, a class required of all students as part of the Wartburg Plan.

"I encourage my students to be open, have an opinion, and be willing to defend why they think the way they do. I have students in my class who I know are prejudiced. It's interesting

HOLMES RETURNS

as a school social worker. Life was wonderful."

But when the offer came to teach at Wartburg, he decided to take a leave of absence from his job and give it a try for a year.

"I enjoy the student contact," he says. "I'm a social worker first. I will always be a social worker first. Ultimately, I hope to be as good a teacher as I am a social worker."

Holmes says his strength in the department is his background in working with children and adolescents. His familiarity with area social work agencies will be helpful in placing students in field experiences and jobs and in bringing community resources to class.

"Social work is a very versatile degree, particularly if you get the M.S.W.," Holmes says. "It opens up the world for you."

Holmes believes having a black professor breaks down some of the stereotypes majority students often have.

"I tell my students, a lot of you guys aren't going to go back to your little communities. Wartburg is a microcosm of that larger community you'll enter."

WINTER & SPRING Sports Roundup

MEN'S BASKETBALL:

Headed in the right direction

It was a short run, but Marty Simmons appeared to have the Knights headed in the right direction for new coach Dick Peth. Simmons resigned at the end of the season to accept a job at the University of Evansville.

"Obviously we would have liked to have more wins," Simmons said, "but I was happy with the improvement that we made in attitude. We became a team as the season wore on. The work ethic of our players was great, even though we lost some tough games."

The Knights finished 10-14 in all games and 7-9 in Iowa Conference play, the first time in 13 years they have had back-to-back losing seasons. All but four of the 14 losses were by fewer than 10 points.

Injuries didn't help the Knights. The team lost two starters during the season: guard Cameron Schuknecht of Greene, Iowa, and forward Travis Montgomery of Waterloo, Iowa.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

Knights tie Luther for second

The women's basketball team finished 16-8 to post its eighth winning season in the past nine years.

The Knights chased Luther all season and finally caught the Norse on the final night of play to tie for second place in the conference. Both teams finished 12-4. Buena Vista won its third consecutive title with a 14-2 record.

"I thought we became a better team as the year went on," said coach Monica Severson. "We struggled early, but by the time we got into conference play, I thought we were playing exceptionally well. We led the conference in defense, but we struggled offensively. We need to find more consistency before next season."

By mid-January, the Knights were only 5-6 but then won 11 of their last 13 games, losing only to champion Buena Vista and upset-minded William Penn. The Knights also won six games in which they trailed or were tied at the half.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

IOWA CONFERENCE FINISH:

Tied Central for seventh place with a 7-9 record

LEADERS:

Scoring—Rich Kloster of Manly, Iowa, with a 17.3 average

Rebounding—Bryan Myers of Tucson, Ariz., with a 7.0 average

Assists—Eric Book of Waverly with 73.

Steals—Kloster with 39

RECOGNITION:

Kloster—Second team, All-Iowa Conference

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

IOWA CONFERENCE FINISH:

Tied Luther for second place with a 12-4 record

LEADERS:

Scoring—Jill Baethke of Elma, Iowa, with an 11.0 average

Rebounding—Kayah-Bah Phillmann of Denver, Iowa, with a 5.3 average

Assists—Holly Wulkow of Boone, Iowa, with 57

Steals—Dawn Matthias of Plainfield, Iowa, with 42

RECOGNITION:

Baethke—Second team, All-Iowa Conference

WRESTLING**NCAA DIVISION III
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:****Tom Smith, 126, Dubuque, Iowa**

- 125-13 career record
- Two-time national champion; runner-up as a sophomore
- Transfer from the University of Iowa
- IIAC Tournament Most Valuable Wrestler, 1997
- Co-IIAC Most Valuable Wrestler, 1997
- Three-time Iowa Conference champion

Dusty Rhodes, 134, Osage, Iowa

- 100-27 career record
- Three-time All-American, placing eighth, sixth, and first
- Two-time Iowa Conference champion
- IIAC Tournament Most Valuable Wrestler, 1996
- Co-IIAC Most Valuable Wrestler, 1997

OTHER 1997 ALL-AMERICANS:**Brian Roberts, 158, Kansas City, Kan.**

- Third in nation
- 47-11 career record after transferring from Colby, Kan., Junior College

Chris Ortner, 177, Jesup, Iowa

- Sixth in nation
- Junior college transfer
- One more year of eligibility

Kevin Miller, 142, Ionia, Iowa

- Eighth in nation after placing fourth in IIAC meet
- Selected as at-large entry by IIAC coaches
- 81-44 career record

Greg Halsor, 150, Cedar Falls, Iowa

- Eighth in nation
- Iowa Conference champion, 1996
- 99-40 career record

IOWA CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS:

Ryan Cunningham, 118, Forest City, Iowa

Smith, 126

Rhodes, 134

Mike Alesch, 167, Graettinger, Iowa

OTHER RECOGNITIONS:

Jim Miller, IIAC Coach of the Year

NCAA Division III Academic

All-Americans as selected by the *Wrestling Coaches Association*

Ben Jobgen, 177, Davenport, Iowa

Miller

Blake Williams, 190, Decorah, Iowa

WRESTLING:***Knights crown two national champions***

Wartburg brought home six All-Americans, including two national champions, but lost the 1997 national championship to Augsburg College of Minneapolis, Minn.

"We didn't lose the title," coach Jim Miller said. "Augsburg won it."

In what was termed by *The NCAA News* as the "Battle of the Burgs," Augsburg crowned an unprecedented eight All-Americans, outpointing the Knights 122-80.

Tom Smith of Dubuque, Iowa, became Wartburg's first two-time national champion, winning at 126 for the second time. Dusty Rhodes of Osage, Iowa, won a national title at 134.

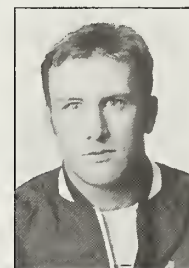


Tom Smith

The second-place finish gives Wartburg the enviable record of placing first or second in the national tournament four of the past five years.

The Knights had little trouble winning their fifth consecutive Iowa Conference title (15th overall), outscoring runner-up Loras 172.5-128.5.

The Knights were 16-3 in the regular season, with their only losses to Augsburg, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. They also won the Dick Walker Invitational and the Augustana (Ill.) Invitational.



Dusty Rhodes

**Miller decides not to
return to alma mater**

Jim Miller, courted by the wrestling followers of his alma mater, the University of Northern Iowa, decided not to apply for the head job at the NCAA Division I school.

"I felt there were more good reasons to stay (at Wartburg) than to go," Miller told the *Waterloo Courier*.

"I love UNI, and I love that program, but Wartburg has been very good to me and my family."

Miller left UNI six years ago to become the Knights' head coach and since then has won five Iowa Conference championships, a national title, and finished second in the nation three times.

"Coaching at Wartburg has been the highlight of my career so far," he told *Courier* sports editor Kevin Evans. "I have been employed at a very special place that my family has come to love and be part of. I feel good about where this wrestling program is, and I am excited about our future."

BASEBALL:

Knights win conference title

The Wartburg baseball team finished the 1997 season on top of the heap, winning the Knights' first Iowa Conference championship since 1979.

The season brought Wartburg's first-ever NCAA postseason baseball tournament appearance and the Knights' first overall postseason play since the 1964 NAIA College World Series.

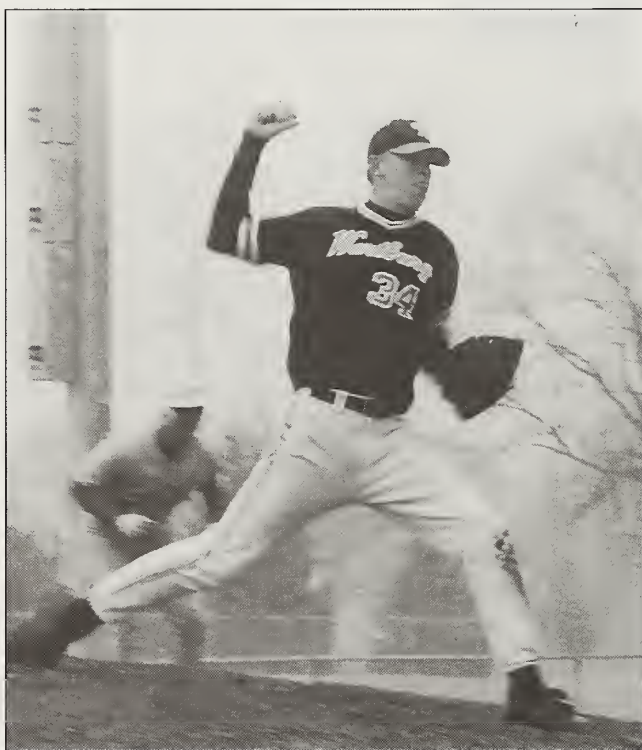
Second-year coach Joel Holst was rewarded with conference Coach of the Year honors after taking a program that finished dead last in the IIAC in 1995 and pushing it to a .500 season last year and the conference championship this year.

"The key for this team was its chemistry," said Holst. "The new players blended well with the returning players. At the same time, a number of the new players were transfers and were experienced. That experience paid off in critical situations."

It was a young team with only one senior position player, Brian Nelson of West Burlington, Iowa, and one senior reserve, Jon Thoreson of Allison, Iowa.

After getting off to a 4-7 start in Florida and Missouri, the Knights won 26 of their last 32 games to clinch the title before the league tournament was even played. They ended up dropping the IIAC tournament championship game and two Central Regional playoff games at the season's end.

"The talent is young, but we know that now that we're on top, teams are going to be ready for us," Holst said. "After our experience in the Central Regional, we know we have to focus on the depth in our pitching staff."



AN ACE ON THE MOUND—Pitcher Dan Grawe of Independence, Iowa, solidified Wartburg's pitching staff this year after transferring from Quincy University in Illinois. Grawe compiled an 11-1 record, winning his first 11 games before losing 3-2 to Carthage (Wis.) in the NCAA Central Region Tournament.

BASEBALL

IOWA CONFERENCE FINISH:

Iowa Conference champions with a 16-4 record

POSTSEASON PLAY: Made first NCAA postseason tournament ever and first overall postseason play since the 1964 NAIA College World Series. Lost to the eventual Central Regional champion Carthage (Wis.) 3-2 and to Aurora (Ill.) 22-11.

LEADERS:

Hitting—Right fielder Kevin Wachholz of Wausau, Wis., .361

RBIs—First baseman Brian Eastman of Waterloo, Iowa, 41

Doubles—Second baseman Bill Kurich of Brookfield, Ill., 11

Triples—Shortstop Andy Fischels of Independence, Iowa, 7

Home Runs—Center fielder Bill Nelson of West Burlington, Iowa, 6

Stolen Bases—Wachholz, 13 in 15 attempts

PITCHING:

Wins—Dan Grawe of Independence, Iowa, 11-1

ERA—Fischels, 1.74 in 10.1 innings

RECORDS:

Most Wins in Season: 30

Most Team Runs in Season: 318

Most Team Hits in a Season: 412

Most Team Doubles in a Season: 71

Most Team Triples in a Season: 23

Most Team RBIs in a Season: 265

Most Staff Strikeouts in a Season: 214

Most Triples by an Individual in a Season: 7, Fischels

Most Runs Scored by an Individual in a Season: 43, Fischels; Ties Barry Huber in 1986

Most Wins by an Individual in a Season: 11, Grawe

Best Record by a Pitcher in a Season: 11-1 (.917), Grawe

Most Innings Pitched in a Season: 91.1, Grawe

RECOGNITION:

Joel Holst—IIAC Coach of the Year

Grawe—IIAC MVP, First Team, All-IIAC, First Team, All-NCAA Central Region

Wachholz—All-IIAC First Team

Nelson—All-IIAC Second Team; All-Central Region Tournament Team

Fischels—All-IIAC Second Team

Designated hitter Pat Lowe of West Des Moines, Iowa—All-IIAC Second Team

MEN'S GOLF

IOWA CONFERENCE FINISH:

Seventh place with 1,049 strokes

SOFTBALL

IOWA CONFERENCE FINISH:

Fifth place with an 8-6 record

LEADERS:

Hitting—Second baseman Jamie Porter of Lisbon, Iowa, .444

RBIs—Porter, 38

Doubles—Third baseman Rianne Pfaltzgraff of Marshalltown, Iowa, 8

Triples—Pfaltzgraff, 3

Home Runs—Porter, 11

Stolen Bases—Carrie Zuck of Jesup, Iowa, 13 in 16 attempts

PITCHING:

Wins—Deb Behne of Waverly, 9

ERA—Behne, 1.74

RECORDS:

Most Team Doubles in a Season: 46

Most Home Runs in a Season: 22

Most Hits by an Individual in a Season: 48, Porter

Most Home Runs by an Individual in a Season: 11, Porter

Most RBIs by an Individual in a Season: 38, Porter

Most Runs Scored by an Individual in a Season: 38, Pfaltzgraff

RECOGNITION:

Porter—All-IIAC Second Team; NCAA All-West Region First Team; NCAA Division III All-America Third Team

Zuck—All-IIAC First Team

First baseman/designated player Corrie Strottman of Waverly—NCAA All-West Region Third Team

MEN'S TENNIS

IOWA CONFERENCE FINISH:

Fifth place with 52 points

RECOGNITION:

Todd Benson of Eaton, Colo.—Third-place medal winner in third flight singles

MEN'S GOLF:

Team ends up seventh

The men's golf team struggled from the beginning and never was able to crawl out of the second division.

The Knights ended the first half of tournament play in eighth place with a 674, thanks to a disastrous second day, when they added 16 strokes to their first-day total.

The Knights managed to climb into seventh place during the second half of the two-weekend tournament and wound up with a 1,049 total. The team's number-three golfer, Keith Fields of Sterling, Ill., missed the final round of play because he was with the Wartburg Concert Band on its European tour.

SOFTBALL:

Early losses affect season

The softball team came back from a disappointing opening in California to finish 18-21 in all games and 8-6 in the Iowa Conference.

A 0-10 start in California probably cost the Knights an opportunity to compete for a postseason berth, according to coach Robin Hoppenworth.

"If we had gotten off to a little better start, I think we would have been considered for the postseason," she said. "Once we were home, settled on a line-up, and the players got comfortable with each other, we pitched better, hit better, and fielded better. I have to give our players all the credit in the world for coming back the way they did."

Simpson, the conference champion, eventually won the national championship.

MEN'S TENNIS:

Fifth-place finish

The men's tennis team compiled a promising 11-3 dual meet record, but finished fifth in the Iowa Conference.

"I can't explain it, but we did not play as well as we are capable of performing," first-year coach Kevin Giese said.

The Knights wound up with a tournament total of 52 points, 11 points out of fourth place. Todd Benson of Eaton, Colo., placed third at number three singles to win a medal.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK

IOWA CONFERENCE FINISH:

Men, Second with 138 points; Women, Third with 92 points

ALL-IOWA CONFERENCE MEDAL-WINNING PERFORMANCES:

Women: TRINA STEINES of Calamus, Iowa, 800 Champion, Third in the 1,500; JEANETTE OLSON of Decorah, Iowa, Second in the 400 intermediate hurdles; DAWN DIGMANN of Monticello, Second in the shot put.

Men: CHRIS SHANNON of Fairbank, Iowa: 110 high hurdles champion, 400 intermediate hurdles champion, Second in the triple jump; 1,600 METER RELAY TEAM, Champion; MATT WILEY of Wapello, Iowa, 800 Champion; DION BRAET of Calamus, Iowa, Second in the 1,500; RYAN HARMS of Morrison, Iowa, Third in the 800; T.J. CRAIG of Iowa City, Iowa, Second in the 5,000, Second in the 10,000; CHAD WILLIAMS of Dike, Iowa, Third in the 200, Third in the 400, JAMES ROCHFORD of New Hampton, Iowa, Second in the javelin; JAMES LEEMHUIS of Fulton, Ill., Third in the high jump.

RECORDS:

Men: CHRIS SHANNON, indoor triple jump, 46-2.5, outdoor triple jump, 47.4.5, outdoor 110 high hurdles, :14.50; WILLIAMS, outdoor 400, :49.05; STEVE BOBLENZ of Oelwein, Iowa, indoor 200, :22.89; BRAET, indoor 5,000, 15:13.93; INDOOR 800-METER RELAY, 1:31.38; INDOOR 1,600-METER RELAY, 3:18.09; INDOOR DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY, 10:35.04; OUTDOOR 400-METER RELAY, :42.53; OUTDOOR 800-METER RELAY, 1:29.28; OUTDOOR DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY, 10:01.93

Women: OLSON, outdoor 400 intermediate hurdles, :64.41; DIGMANN, indoor shot put, 43-9; STEINES, indoor 800, 2:15.43; INDOOR 800-METER RELAY, 1:48.54; INDOOR 1,600-METER RELAY, 4:04.05; OUTDOOR 800-METER RELAY, 1:44.47; OUTDOOR SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY, 4:08.37

RECOGNITION:

Braet—NCAA All-America, Fourth in Outdoor 5,000, 14:51.47

Digmann—NCAA All-America, Fourth in Indoor Shot Put, 43-9; Sixth in Outdoor Shot Put, 43-1

Chris Shannon—NCAA All-America, Member of Seventh-Place 1,600 Meter Relay Team, 3:15.68

Trevor Shannon of Fairbank, Iowa—NCAA All-America, Member of Seventh-Place 1,600 Meter Relay Team, 3:15.68

Steines—NCAA All-America, Fourth in Indoor 800, 2:15.43

Josh Wedemeier of Readlyn, Iowa—NCAA All-America, Member of Seventh-Place 1,600 Meter Relay Team, 3:15.68

Williams—NCAA All-America, Member of Seventh-Place 1,600 Meter Relay Team, 3:15.68

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK: *Six earn All-America honors*

Wartburg and Luther were co-favorites to win the conference men's meet, but neither did. Instead, Central won the title with 144 to the Knights' second-place 138. The Wartburg women finished third.

"Both our men's and women's teams have finished in the top three for the past five or six years," said coach Steve Johnson. "We've proven that we can be contenders, and we're proud of what we've accomplished. At the same time, I'm disappointed that we didn't win the men's meet. It was ours to win, but we didn't have enough people rise to the occasion."

A consolation prize was the largest number of Wartburg track athletes to earn All-America honors in one season. The six All-Americans included Dawn Digmann of Monticello, Iowa, shot; Dion Braet of Calamus, Iowa, 5,000-meter run; and the 1,600-meter relay team of Chad Williams of Dike, Iowa, Chris and Trevor Shannon of Fairbank, Iowa, and Josh Wedemeier of Readlyn, Iowa.



TWO-TIME ALL-AMERICAN—Shot putter Dawn Digmann of Monticello, Iowa, displays the form that made her a two-time All-American for the Knights this year. She placed fourth at the national indoor meet and sixth at the national outdoor meet in her event.

Former Iowa cager named Knights' basketball coach

A former University of Iowa basketball player, who has coached the University of Denver for the past 12 years, is Wartburg's new head basketball coach.

He is Dick Peth (pronounced Paith), who played under coach Lute Olson at Iowa from 1975 through 1979 and has been the head coach at Denver since the 1985-86 season.

"In the selection process, we were impressed with the way Dick relates to the student-athlete, and that was one of the qualities we were looking for," Athletic Director Gary Grace said. "He has a proven track record as a college basketball coach, both on the court and as a recruiter, and he has Iowa connections that are important to our program."

Peth comes from a school that is in transition from NCAA Division II to NCAA Division I. When he first became coach at Denver, it was a member of the NAIA.

He is the winningest coach in the history of the university, compiling a 221-123 record (.642), winning two regular season conference championships (Colorado Athletic Conference) in 1994 and 1996 and three conference tournament championships in the past five years.

Under his guidance, the Pioneers made five NAIA play-offs and three NCAA Division II tournament appearances in 11 years

(Denver was not eligible last season for postseason play because of the transition to Division I), and they reached the "Sweet Sixteen" of Division II in 1992.

He was named the NAIA District VII Coach of the Year in 1989 and was Co-Coach of the Year for small colleges in Colorado in 1986 and 1987.

Prior to becoming the head coach at Denver in 1985, he spent three seasons as an assistant coach with the Pioneers.

Following his 1975 graduation from Tomah (Wis.) High School, where he was the Coulee Region Player of the Year, he attended the University of Iowa, where he played both varsity basketball and baseball.

At Iowa, he captained the 1979 team that won the Big Ten title and made it to the NCAA postseason tournament. He was named as an honorable mention pick on the All-Big Ten team that season.

He immediately entered coaching as an assistant at Simpson College in Indianola. A year later, he became an assistant at West High School in Iowa City for two years.

Peth and his wife, Maria, have two children, Derek and Rachel.



Alumnus takes over as soccer coach



Rob Larson '89 has been named the new men's and women's soccer coach at Wartburg.

Larson played soccer as a midfielder and goalkeeper for the Knights for three years before transferring to Iowa State University, where he earned a B.S. degree in history.

Larson has coached the Cedar Valley Youth Soccer Association's 18 and under boy's team in Cedar Falls, Iowa, for the past two years. While in Ames, Iowa, he founded and coached the Wallaby's Amateur Soccer Club.

He first was exposed to soccer as a youngster growing up in Thailand, Singapore, Ghana, and Liberia.

Larson succeeds William Spencer II, who coached the Knights for three years.

Soccer player earns Academic All-America citation

Sacha Riddell, of Loveland, Ohio, was named to the 1996-97 GTE Academic All-America College Division Fall/Winter At-Large second team.

A midfielder on the women's soccer team and a biology major, Riddell graduated with a cumulative grade point average of 3.990. She was named to the At-Large third team last year

and is the 39th Wartburg student-athlete to achieve GTE Academic All-America status.

She scored four goals and had four assists on the 1996 team, which placed third in the Iowa Conference Tournament. She was named to the All-Iowa Conference first team.

Cross country teams earn academic recognition

Both Wartburg cross country teams plus seven individuals earned All-Academic recognition from the NCAA Division III Cross Country Association.

This is the seventh consecutive year the men's and women's teams have been cited. To qualify, the cumulative grade point average in regional competition must be 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale). The women's 3.58 cumulative GPA ranked 18th in the nation. The men's GPA was 3.08.

Five women and two men were cited for individual honors by achieving a 3.25 GPA or better: Trina Steines, Calamus, Iowa; Angela Busche, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Emily Ott, Marshalltown, Iowa; Heidi Ludvigsen, Kasson, Minn.; and Angela Knips, Lismore, Minn.; Dion Braet, Calamus, Iowa; and Ryan Harms, Morrison, Iowa.

Athletic Hall of Fame honored at Homecoming

Four former athletes and a coach will be inducted into the Wartburg Athletic Hall of Fame at this fall's Homecoming.

Hall of Famers will participate in the Homecoming Parade and be introduced prior to the start of the Homecoming football game Saturday, Oct. 18. The formal induction will take place at a dinner following the game.



**COACH EARNEST
OPPERMANN '38**

Oppermann coached baseball at Wartburg from 1948 to 1982, winning more than 350

games, six Iowa Conference championships, three District NAIA titles and one Area IV NAIA championship. In 1964, his team went 2-1 in the NAIA World Series.

He was inducted into the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1980. Two years later, he was named Coach of the Year for District V in Division III of the NCAA.

He served on several NAIA baseball rules committees and was a frequent guest speaker at Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association clinics.

He was the Knights' head football coach in 1951 and head basketball coach during the 1955-56 season.

Oppermann died of cancer in 1996.



ED HARDIN '38
Spokane, Wash.
Retired Railroad
Official

Harden, a Waverly native, was recruited to play basketball at Iowa State Teachers College (now the

University of Northern Iowa). He transferred to Wartburg in 1935, when the college started its four-year program and lettered for three years in football, basketball, and tennis.

In football, he was an All-Conference quarterback on offense and a linebacker on defense.

His best sport was basketball. He led the Knights in scoring in each of the three seasons he played at Wartburg, totaling 395 points in that low-scoring basketball era. He was named to a mythical All-Iowa Conference team, named captain of the squad, and served as president of the "W" Club. He was described as quick, a sure ball-handler, and an outstanding shooter.

In tennis, he won an individual Iowa Conference championship, a rarity in Wartburg athletic history.



**HOWARD
WOLFGRAM '51**
Castalia, Iowa
Pastor, Zion
Lutheran Church

Wolfgram was one of Wartburg's early wrestling greats. He won three Iowa Conference championships at two different weights and made it through the first four rounds in try-outs for the 1952 U.S. Olympic Team.

He won the IIAC title at 146 in 1948 and at 155 in both 1949 and 1950. In 1949, he was undefeated with an 11-0 record.

After graduating from Wartburg, he won the Paul Walker trophy as the outstanding wrestler in the San Diego, Calif., area in 1952. That same year, he tried out for the U.S. Olympic team and was successful until meeting James LaRock, who was an alternate on an Olympic team that only had eight team members.



DOUG BECK '71
Wyoming, Minn.
General Manager,
Franklin Life
Insurance

One of Wartburg's great distance runners,

Beck was the Knights' first NCAA All-American in cross country. He also won All-American honors in track and lettered all four years in both sports.

He finished first in the Iowa Conference cross country meet in 1968, 1969, and 1970 and was the league's cross country MVP in 1970 and 1971.

In track, he set school records that still stand in the 3,000-meter run, 8:41.7; 5,000-meter run, 14:49.44; and the 10,000-meter run, 30:40.44. He qualified for three NCAA national championship events and placed as high as fourth in 1970.

He also was an excellent student and was named to Dean's List on several occasions.



**GARY
WALLJASPER '85**
Urbandale, Iowa
Personnel Director,
Equitable Insurance

Probably the best pure passer in

Wartburg football history, Walljasper was named to the All-Iowa Conference first team three times and was league MVP in 1984. He led the Knights to their first NCAA postseason tournament appearance in 1982.

During his career, he completed 537 of 1,003 passes for 7,025 yards and 49 touchdowns, while leading the Knights to a four-year grid record of 29-8 and two IIAC titles.

He continues to hold nine school records in passing and total offense.



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The Rev. C.G. SHALKHAUSER, Madison, Wis., is leading a series of informational meetings on social issues at Oakwood Village in Madison.

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The Rev. ERVIN and LENA DEGUISNE '39 SEIDEL, Wausau, Wis., were honored by St. Stephen Lutheran Church when the church named the Seidel-Meyer Pastoral Ministry Scholarship for Wartburg Seminary in their names.

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The Rev. GILBERT and MINNIE OETTING-MEYER, Wausau, Wis., were honored by St. Stephen Lutheran Church when the church named the Seidel-Meyer Pastoral Ministry Scholarship for Wartburg Seminary in their names.

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HERB HILDEBRANDT, Ann Arbor, Mich., had the seventh edition of a classic business communication text published in January. His 11th book, written in Chinese, will be published this spring in Shanghai, in conjunction with his 19th year of lecturing in Asia.

LLOYD ZIEBARTH, Rogers City, Mich., traveled to Papua

New Guinea to participate in a Habitat for Humanity house building project.

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CHRIS HUBER, Minneapolis, Minn., received the Excellence in Education Award for 1997. Chris is the superintendent for Spring Lake Park School District 16.

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HELMUTH "GIL" GILOW, Memphis, Tenn., retired as professor of chemistry after 38 years at Rhodes College.

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40-YEAR CLASS REUNION AT HOMECOMING, OCT. 17-19

AL LIMBERG, Estherville, Iowa, retired in June after 40 years with the Estherville High School. He had been a teacher and coach and retired as the assistant principal and athletic director.

The Rev. DONALD STAUDE, Sobieski, Wis., is a full-time interim minister for the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. He is at Grace Lutheran Church.

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JANET WIENER, Hinton, Iowa, was promoted to full professor at Westmar University, Le Mars, Iowa. She is the library director and business and communications division director.

EMMA JORDAN HAUS, Hollis, N.Y., was named Outstanding Employee of the Year for Division of Real Estate Services. She is an associate staff analyst for the Department of Citywide Administrative Services.

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LORRAINE JOHNSON HOFFMAN, Ames, Iowa, was the recipient of the Women's History Award and the Iowa State University Foundation Award for Outstanding Achievement in

Extension or Professional Practice. She is a professor of microbiology and section leader in bacteriology at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

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LYNDA JOBMAN, Waterloo, Iowa, is the head of fund raising for Opportunity Inc. in Highland Park, Ill.

DONALD JUDAS works for an oil company that sends him on extensive travel throughout the United States and abroad.

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DARLENE PARKSETTER, Peoria, Ill., is a social worker at the Peoria Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic.

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BARRY KRAUSE, Knoxville, Tenn., is associate director of security for the U.S. Department of Energy at its Oak Ridge, Tenn., Operations Office.

PAUL A. NELSON, Olivia, Minn., received a judicial appointment to the Minnesota state trial court bench from Governor Arne Carlson March 12.

GARY NIELSEN, Shertz, Texas, teaches at Judson High School in Converse, Texas.

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KAY ROBINSON EVANS, Woodbridge, Va., was a featured soprano soloist in the Woodbridge Community Choir Dec. 6 and 7. She is a music teacher at "Music and Arts" in Springfield, Va.

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DALE FOX, Strawberry Point, Iowa, teaches computer classes in fifth through eighth grades but is no longer coaching.

CAROL FRISCH, Kalamazoo, Mich., received her Doctor of Psychology degree in December

from the University of Western Michigan. She has taught there for three years.

TERRY MENNEN, Parkersburg, Iowa, has been appointed senior vice president and senior loan officer at Grundy National Bank.

SUE RENDALL, Almond, Wis., has been elected treasurer of the city of Almond.

LINDA WANDERSEE, Kenner, La., is a French teacher at Jesuit High School of New Orleans, La.

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KATHY MOSDAL O'BRIEN, Miles City, Mont., will have an article, "Writing Across Culture," published in an early 1998 issue of the National Council of Teachers of English journal.

PATRICIA YEAGER, Lockport, Ill., is the director of Area Support Services for the Illinois Special Olympics.

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REBECCA FISHER HOM, Twin Falls, Idaho, has produced her first storytelling tape, featuring world folktales and personal stories.

EVA BREIHZOLZ HUSTED, Kansas City, Mo., has been promoted to correspondence information specialist with the Jackson County Director Division of Family Services.

KEVIN SELLERS, Danbury, Iowa, is the vice president and sales manager for Rick's Computers, L.C.

JOHN and JANET HUTTON '76 SENJEM, Rochester, Minn., announce the birth of Alex, Aug. 12. He joins Jess, 9.

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RUTH MAKELA, Alexandria, Va., is the project coordinator at Maden Tech Consulting, Inc., Arlington, Va.

BRIAN RODEMEYER, Algona, Iowa, was named AEA #3 Assistant Principal of the Year.

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Brian is assistant principal and athletic director at Algona High School.

BRUCE VAN MEETEREN, Glenwood, Iowa, was the guest tenor soloist in the 1997 Baroque Oratorio Choir and Orchestra production of Handel's *Messiah*. He is a special education teacher for Nishna Valley Community Schools, Hastings, Iowa.

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20-YEAR CLASS REUNION AT HOMECOMING, OCT. 17-19

STEVE and Julie HERDER, Whittier, Calif., announce the birth of Natalie Grey, Oct. 14.

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KRISTIN HANSEN, Burbank, Calif., is a visual effects coordinator at Universal Pictures Studios.

KIRK and Jill KINNEAR, Houston, Texas, announce the birth of Konnor Jerimy, Feb. 10. He joins Kyle, 7, Kristin, 5, and Kerrin, 2.

JON PETERSON, Bethlehem, Pa., is group leader of hepatitis research and development at Ortho Clinical Diagnostics.

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MARK BEHLE, Lesotho, South Africa, is teaching mathematics and religion at Masitise High School, a boarding school for boys and girls operated by Lesotho Evangelical Church.

MARK and Julie BUCHHEIM, Tulsa, Okla., announce the birth of Daniel Thomas, Jan. 30. He joins David, 2.

PAUL and JODEE KITTERMAN '85 SCHMIDT, Birmingham, Minn., announce the birth of Luke, June 8. He joins Haley, 4.



It felt good to come home

► *by Mary Dailey Gottlieb '75*
Highlands Ranch, Colo.
Alumni Board Member

It had been many years since I had been on campus for a Wartburg Homecoming. After returning last fall as an Alumni Board member, I was left with some indelible impressions.

The campus is absolutely beautiful. Remembering those cold winter days, I can appreciate the circular flow of the new campus layout and the skyways that connect many buildings.

The Alumni Board meetings were packed with information as administrators and faculty shared accomplishments and future plans. However, it was the students who put everything into perspective. Walking around campus on a crisp October day, their genuine smiles and unsolicited words of greeting warmed my heart. I still remember how a young woman studying in Buhr Lounge helped me as I wandered around in search of a telephone. Though I clearly interrupted her studies, she walked me to a phone when she could have given me instructions, pointed, or simply ignored the question.

I really appreciated the heartfelt thanks expressed by Alumni Board Scholarship recipients. Education is expensive, and the college continues to do whatever possible to ease the financial burden on parents and students.

Making that extra effort is what makes the students and Wartburg special. The college has more students, more advanced technology, and newer buildings than the Wartburg I experienced. Still, the administration and faculty continue to look at the needs of present students, who will soon be competing in an ever-changing work environment. And those new buildings wouldn't be there without administrators, faculty, and faithful alumni who through the years have dedicated part of their focus on Wartburg students yet to come.

Attending Wartburg College made a difference in my life. I try to share my school pride and the experiences that have grown out of my liberal arts education with each new group of Wartburg West students who venture to Colorado. Our responsibility as alumni is to continue supporting the college through contributions, internship assistance, support of the arts and athletics, and by helping Wartburg graduates find jobs.

Statistics show that the number of students who enroll at Wartburg is greatly affected by a campus visit. The same could be said for alumni. I encourage you to attend Homecoming 1997 to renew your Wartburg spirit. I can say from experience that it's a wonderful feeling of coming home.

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MARIAN WOOD ENNEN, Eau Claire, Wis., is the director of L.E. Phillips Senior Central.

JIM GREENE, Moorhead, Minn., is an associate pastor at Olivet Lutheran, Fargo, N.D.

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Max and **KATHERINE MUELLER JACOBS**, Christoval, Texas, announce the birth of Sam Harris, Oct. 18. He joins Jack, 2.

ERIC LIEN, Charlotte, N.C., won the Queens Teaching Award at the 1997 Queens College Awards Convocation. He is an assistant professor of French.

Kerry and TAMI WORBY LOGE, Urbandale, Iowa, announce the birth of Tre Broder, Feb. 5. He joins Teig, 2.

Brian and BETH KNUDSEN McLEAN, Philadelphia, Pa., announce the birth of Juliette Cathleen, Jan. 17. She joins Caitlin, 3. Beth co-authored the article, "Informal and Formal Kinship Care Populations: A Study in Contrasts," published in the September/October 1996 *Child Welfare Journal*.

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15-YEAR CLASS REUNION AT HOMECOMING, OCT. 17-19

ROBERT ERICKSON, Mason City, Iowa, is the owner of Major Erickson Funeral Home. He and his wife, Toni, have a son, Ryan, 3.

MYRNA E. JOHNSON, Boulder, Colo., is the director of government affairs for the Outdoor Recreation Coalition of America.

Paul and JULIE SCHULER LARSON, Frisco, Texas, announce the birth of Alexandra Nicole, Dec. 9.

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Michelle and BYRON ALLMANDINGER, Marion, Iowa, announce the birth of Emily Nicole, Jan. 29. She joins Megan, 1. Byron is a therapist at Four Oaks.

PATSY WELDEN FOX, Brie-et-Angonnes, France, is a marketing manager for Hewlett-Packard at its home PC division.

LYNN HOLLE, Pueblo West, Colo., is the office administrator at the Pueblo County attorney's office.

ROBIN KRAHN and Steve Fiorentino, Algonquin, Ill., were married Aug. 31. Robin is working for American Express Financial Advisors, Rockford, Ill.

PENNY LOOS PATRICK, Dakota City, Neb., is a fifth grade teacher at a middle school in South Sioux City, Neb.

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STUART and TRACY BONSTEAD BROWN, Wausau, Wis., announce the birth of Anna, April 4, 1996. She joins Aaron, 10 and Ashley, 7. Stuart is manager of product planning and special services at SNE.

DANIEL and PAMELA BRISTOW FOELSKE, Batavia, Ill., announce the birth of Emma Katherine, Feb. 4. She joins Andrew, 6, and Robert, 2.

RACHEL and Eduardo RIVERS PARROQUIN, Valparaiso, Ind., announce the birth of John Charles, Dec. 16. He joins Marc, 7, and Elisabeth, 3. Rachel is teaching English as a Second Language at Interlink Language Centers.

John Schmidt and NADINE ZELLE, Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of Grace Alexandra Olinda, Dec. 5. She joins Zachariah, 2.

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AUDREY LANG, Chicago, Ill., is the director of training and staff development for the Chicago Department of Public Health.

Kristine and KIRK ZEHR, Tripoli, Iowa, announce the birth of Carter Andrew, Feb. 13. He joins sister Ashley Renae, 5.

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Dr. JOEL ALEXANDER, Salem, Ore., was named Faculty Senate vice president by his peers at Western Oregon University. His neurocognitive laboratory received a \$50,000 equipment donation.

Steve and LISA WILLE FETTY, Lenexa, Kan., announce the birth of Kyle Allan, March 16.

JEFFREY PETERS, Baraboo, Wis., is on a bicycle tour of Alaska and California.

JOHN and Teresa ROSS, Glencoe, Minn., announce the birth of Stephanie Ann, Nov. 5. She joins Christopher, 1.

CHRISTY SCHEIDT and Thomas Meuser, Cleveland, Ohio, announce the birth of Paul Thomas Scheidt Meuser, April 3.

PATRICK SIMMONS, Fremont, Calif., is a district consultant for Dun & Bradstreet, San Francisco, Calif.

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10-YEAR CLASS REUNION AT HOMECOMING, OCT. 17-19

GENE ADKINS, Minneapolis, Minn., joined the Hitchcock Law Firm, PLLP, St. Paul, Minn. He will practice civil litigation, real estate, estate planning, and commercial litigation.

Kathy and STEVE FRANK, Allen, Texas, announce the birth of Elizabeth Marie, Aug. 14.

DOUG L BOUNTY, Spirit Lake, Iowa, was appointed president of Community Housing Initiatives, Inc., a nonprofit housing and development group.

SCOTT LEISINGER, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is the University of Northern Iowa's director of athletic development.

ANTHONY MORRISON, Gilbert, Ariz., is the manager of software release for Distribution Architects, Intl.

SHANNON NEALE and William Richards, Aptos, Calif., announce the birth of Rachel Linda, Dec. 14.

SCOTT SAMUELSON and Arlene Engel, Fr. Collins, Colo., were married April 13. He is a staff physician in family practice with India Health Service.

STEVEN and CeCe READING '89 SMITH, Chanhassen, Minn., announce the birth of Nicholas Ethan, Feb. 7. He joins Andrew, 3. CeCe was a member of the national champion/first place crew of the Rebel Class Sailing Association in July 1996 in Springfield, Ill. She also won the

sportsmanship and hospitality awards.

The Rev. JOHN and LINDA DARGAVEL VAN SANT, Durant, Okla., announce the birth of Savannah Leigh, Sept. 9. She joins Malindi, 4.

SCOTT and Nancy WILSON, North Liberty, Iowa, announce the birth of Kiana, March 8. She joins Chad, 6.

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THOMAS BIEDERMANN, Astoria, N.Y., is a visa processor at the Consulate General of Spain in New York. The consulate is run by the Spanish government's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

DARREN MILLER, Tipton, Iowa, has been named sports information director at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

ART SATHOFF, Packwood, Iowa, is the activities director at Pekin High School. He was inducted into the Iowa High School Basketball Hall of Fame in Des Moines, Iowa, March 22.

MARK TEERINK, Coralville, Iowa, received his juris doctorate from the University of Iowa, College of Law, with High Distinction. He was vice president of the Iowa Student Bar Association and has passed the bar exam for the State of Maryland. Mark and his wife, Teresa May-Teerink, are travelling to Kampala, Uganda, to work at Makerere University's Human Rights and Peace Centre.

Peter Newell and KAREN THALACKER, Waverly, announce the birth of Robert William Newell, Jan. 29. He joins Ella, 2.

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GREG and JILL BOWDEN '90 BLANK, Sumner, Iowa, both have new jobs. Greg is a flight paramedic with MedLink Air, and Jill is the public relations coordinator for the National Program for Playground Safety.

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BRIAN and LORI BROCKMAN '93 BOWMAN, Waverly, announce the birth of Emma Ann, April 4.

RICHARD BUCHHOLZ, Boscobel, Wis., was selected as one of Wisconsin's leading science educators. Richard teaches at Boscobel Elementary School.

Craig and **TAMMY SCHLITTER DARDEN**, Macon, Ga., announce the birth of Alexandra Lee, Feb. 26.

BARB EPPS, Elk Grove Village, Ill., graduated from Northwestern University and is a physical therapist at Alexian Brothers Hospital.

ANDREA WESTMEYER HINRICHS, Clive, Iowa, is a marketing director for Van Koevering, a Des Moines-based manufacturer of interactive musical instruments and related software.

PAMELA HOVEY and Jerry Perry, Marion, Iowa, were married Dec. 28. Pamela is an admissions counselor at Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

JOY JAMES and Denny Geiger, Fort Wayne, Ind., were married May 4. She teaches at DeKalb High School.

Brenda and **MIKE JENSEN**, Owatonna, Minn., announce the January 1997 birth of Cameron John.

Angie and **STEVE KOOP**, New Hartford, Iowa, announce the birth of Rachel Graham, Jan. 2. She joins Thomas, 2.

MARGO JOHNSON KREGER, Streamwood, Ill., received her M.S. degree in occupational therapy from Rush University. She is working in an outpatient hand clinic in Elgin, Ill. Margo and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of Luke, Feb. 23, 1996.

The Rev. **RICK MILLER**, Huxley, Iowa, is a pastor at Palestine Lutheran Church.

PAUL and JODY CRISMAN '90 SAMO, Coralville, Iowa, announce the birth of Eli Alexander, Jan. 15. He joins Nolan, 3½. Paul is a staff psychiatrist at the Rice Clinic, Stevens Point, Wis.

SHERRY SCOTT, Florissant, Mo., is a computer programmer and analyst at Union Pacific Railroad.

DAVID TARLETON, Minneapolis, Minn., is teaching at an alternative high school and working part-time at St. Joseph's Children's Home.

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MARK and KARLA SEATON '91 BECKMAN, Adel, Iowa, announce the birth of Janelle Marie, March 8. She joins Cole, 3.

SUSANNE HAACK BENGSTON, Ingleside, Ill., received her M.S. Ed. degree from Northern Illinois University in December 1996 and is a reading recovery teacher at Woodland School in Gages Lake, Ill. This is her seventh year of teaching.

Brett and **RANA GUYER COFFEE**, Seattle, Wash., announce the birth of Trevor Alan, Dec. 18.

JEFF GOUTCHER, San Ramon, Calif., is the national account manager for CSX Transportation, Concord, Calif.

JANET LEE, Sioux City, Iowa, is the executive director for the Better Business Bureau of Siouxland.

CHRISTINE NORSTRUD MATHAHS, Thompson, Iowa, is business manager for the Lake Mills Community School District.

DAN '91 and KAREN WEIS NETTLETON, Lincoln, Neb., announce the birth of Samuel Stephen, March 25.

RUSSELL and ANN VERVOORT '91 ROQUET, Eau Claire, Wis., announce the birth of Riley William, Oct. 30.

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AMY ALEXANDER and Brian Ramker, Waterloo, Iowa, were married July 20. She teaches special education at Grant School.

RICHARD BOYER, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a sales consultant for Frank Hardie Advertising, Inc.

DAN and JENNIFER SPROUT CASSUTT, Strawberry Point, Iowa, announce the birth of Tyler, Oct. 8. Dan teaches junior high social studies and is the head baseball coach at Ed-Co Community School. Jennifer teaches a class through Upper Iowa University.

DELAINE SUE DOLL and Heath Meyer, Lisle, Ill., were married Dec. 21. She is in human resources with Metromail, Lombard, Ill.

JOEL and Aileen FENTON, Johnston, Iowa, announce the birth of Maxwell Paul, Dec. 2. Joel has opened Fenton Law Office and practices in family law, personal injury, worker's compensation, and social security disability.

RON and WENDY JACKSON HULL, Steelville, Mo., are both teachers. He is a math and computer programming teacher at Virburnum High School, Virburnum, Mo. She teaches second grade at Cuba Elementary School, Cuba, Mo.

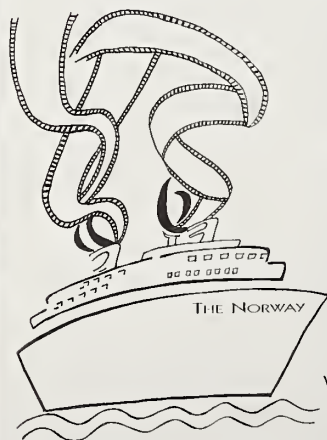
KIRK HUMMEL, Waverly, is a loan officer at Security State Bank.

Mark and **JODI PETERSON LOCKWOOD**, Dubuque, Iowa, announce the birth of John Thomas, Nov. 5.

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Mark and ANGELA HEILMANN REITZ, Davenport, Iowa, announce the birth of Joey Michael, July 17, 1996. Angela is a marketing director at Integrated Solutions.

Julie and PATRICK WEBER, Waterloo, Iowa, announce the birth of twins, Maggie Rose and Jake Allen, Jan. 26.

BRENT WOLTER, Tokyo, Japan, teaches English at two universities. He and his wife, Kaori, have a son, Alex.

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5-YEAR CLASS REUNION AT HOMECOMING, OCT. 17-19

Tom and JENNIFER FREDRICK CLEMENS, Rice Lake, Wis., announce the birth of Sydney Lois, Oct. 7.

KURT DeVORE, Kanawha, Iowa, was selected by Channel 3, Mason City, Iowa, for the Golden Apple Award. He is a sixth grade teacher in Kanawha.

KRISTI GIMMEL, Dubuque, Iowa, is director of the career resource center at the University of Dubuque.

MICHAEL HALL and Jane Johnson, Knoxville, Iowa, were married March 22. Michael is an electrical salesman with CED, Des Moines, Iowa.

Jerry and DEANNA SHELDAHL HEWITT, Mason City, Iowa, announce the birth of Lois Elizabeth, Jan. 16, 1996. She joins Allison, 9, and Brandon, 6. Deanna is a teacher associate for a Head Start Inclusion Program.

LANCE HOLUB and COLLEEN LAMB, Dubuque, Iowa, were married June 29, 1996.

ANISSA MARTH, Nashville, Tenn., is the assistant director of development at Blair School of Music, Vanderbilt University.

The Rev. JOHN and Melanie MOHAN, Richmond, Va., announce the adoption of Helen Clara, Nov. 27. Helen was born Oct. 5 in Bogota, Colombia. John is a pastor at All Saints Lutheran Church.



Wartburg College Summer Alumni Events

Tuesday, July 15	Twin Cities—Outfly Picnic at Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis, Dave Unmacht '81, local chair
Tuesday, July 22	Mason City—Outfly Picnic at East Park, Al Koehler '85 and Scott Atkinson '87, local chairs
Thursday, July 24	Muscatine—Outfly picnic on Kent Feeds Riverboat, Bill '72 and Tjode Schulz '73 Nus, local chairs
Sunday, July 27	Des Moines—Wartburg College Day with the Iowa Cubs
Wednesday, July 30	Bluff County, MN—Outfly Picnic and bike ride in Whalen, Wayne '61 and Donna Mueller '60 Dreier, local chairs
Tuesday, Aug. 12	Des Moines—Outfly Picnic at Walker Johnston Park, Judy Langholz '72, local chair
Monday, Aug. 18	Cedar Rapids—Outfly Picnic at Noelridge Park, Ro Foege '60 and Don Claussen '65, local chairs
Tuesday, Aug. 26	Cedar Valley—Outfly Picnic on campus
Sunday, Sept. 28	Southern California—Outfly Picnic at Rossmoor Park, Dan Knobloch '64, local chair
Sunday, Oct. 5	Northern California—Outfly Picnic at Lake Chabot Park
Sunday, Oct. 5	Denver, CO—Outfly Event at Jackson's Hole All-American Bar and Grill, Mary Dailey Gottlieb '75, local chair

There will be special events held in conjunction with all away football games.

Shawn and JENNIFER MOELLER POLSON, Eyota, Minn., announce the birth of Cole Anthony, April 8, 1996. Jennifer works for the Hiawatha Valley Education Cooperative. She is setting up an alternative school for the Dover-Eyota School District.

TRICIA STAFF, Clive, Iowa, is an independent sales consultant for Longaberger.

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TIM ABRAHAMSON and LISA RASMUSSEN '96, Berwyn, Ill., were married May 24. Tim is completing his medical residency training at MacNeal Hospital. Lisa is a marriage and family therapy student at Northern Illinois University.

ROGER and LORIE RICKLEFS BENNETT, Humboldt, Iowa, announce the birth of Emma Rose, Jan. 25.

BRIAN BOWMAN and NANCY HAGENSICK, Chicago, Ill., were married Nov. 9. Brian is a commission representative for Guarantee Trust Life Ins. Co. Nancy is a sixth through eighth grade English teacher and a sixth grade history teacher at College Prep School of America.

KATHLEEN DITTO earned a master's degree in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California and is now serving in the U.S. Navy.

JOHN and MOLLY DONAHE FERRELL, Oak Park, Ill., announce the birth of John Lucas, Feb. 24.

BARRY and CHRIS ASCHER FRANTZ, Winter Haven, Fla., announce the birth of Zachary Ascher, Jan. 5.

BRAD HOWE, Morgantown, Va., is director of sports marketing and sales for West Virginia University.

ANDREW HOWIE, Burlington, Iowa, is a judicial clerk for the Iowa District Court, Eighth District, Division B. He joined the Smith, Schneider, & Stiles Law Firm in Des Moines, Iowa, in July. He has also been a volunteer at Mt. Pleasant High School, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, as the coach of its mock trial team.

ANDREA INFELT, Chicago, Ill., is a member of the Holy Family Lutheran school board and is in her third year at Ameritech.

ZAKARIA ADBUL KADIR, Sabah, East Malaysia, teaches lower and upper secondary students English and history.

MARK KELLY, Norwalk, Iowa, is the assistant manager at Walgreens, Des Moines, Iowa.

JANAE KILL, Webster, Texas, teaches fifth grade in LaMarque, Texas.

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JILL KRAMER and Carlos Gonzalez, Madison, Wis., were married May 25. Jill earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and works for the Bangor Veterinary Service, Bangor, Wis.

JILL CAROLL LAFFERTY and Alan Pierce, St. Paul, Minn., were married Sept. 28. Jill is a production editor at Augsburg Fortress Publishers in Minneapolis, Minn.

MOLLY MACE and Bret Dage, Brandon, Iowa, were married Feb. 22. Molly works in the loan department of First National Bank, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

STEVEN MEIER and Carol Erickson, St. Paul, Minn., were married May 10. He is a youth minister at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

TONYA PASCHALL, Appleton, Wis., is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Innovex.

ALAN POOCK, Longmont, Colo., is a senior district executive for the Longs Peak Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Boulder, Colo.

LANCE SKOV, Owatonna, Minn., is a financial accountant at Blount, Inc.

GARY VOGT, Muscatine, Iowa, is a personal banker for Peoples National Bank.

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KELLY ANTONS, Edgewood, Iowa, is a social worker in the Iowa Department of Human Services.

ANDREW ARNOLD and **LAURA STROUP '96**, Selden, N.Y., were married Aug. 17. Andrew is interning at Hope Lutheran Church. Laura is doing a music therapy internship at Just Kids in Middle Island, N.Y.

David and **WENDY WAGNER BROOKER**, Marion, Iowa, announce the birth of Jesse Dean, Feb. 2.

Scholarships

benefit students like
Catherine Clark

A Presidential Scholar and recipient of the Thomas A. and Linda L. Maik Scholarship, Catherine hopes that her studies in accounting and political science at Wartburg will lead to a career in corporate or tax law. She has been active in student organizations, including the Student-Alumni Council, and is currently doing an accounting internship in Waterloo.

Catherine appreciates the personal interest her Wartburg professors have taken in her academic progress and their willingness to provide help and guidance.

For more information about establishing a scholarship at Wartburg, contact Al Koeneman, senior development officer, at 319-352-8490.



"For me, the financial support has made a huge difference. I have taken out student loans and I have two work-study jobs, but in the end, it's the scholarships that make it possible for me to be a Wartburg student."

STACEY BURKHARDT, Bloomington, Ind., is a physical therapist and athletic trainer at Bloomington Hospital Rehabilitation Services.

SCOTT GLASER, Denver, Colo., is a district executive with Boy Scouts of America, Denver Area Council.

KRISTA WENTZEL JOHNSON, Minneapolis, Minn., is a teacher at the Children's Yamaha Music School.

AMY PACK NAGEL, Gurnee, Ill., is enrolled in the physical therapy program at Finch University of Health Sciences of The Chicago Medical School, North Chicago, Ill.

Chris and **WENDY WALTERT REIFF**, Waverly, announce the

birth of Marley Jean, April 25, 1995. Wendy works at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

BETH RICE, Santa Fe Springs, Calif., teaches seventh grade at Trinity Lutheran School.

KRISTIN FOOTE RINDERKNECHT, Omaha, Neb., received her master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Iowa in December. She is a physical therapist in neuro-rehabilitation at Immanuel Medical Center.

TODD and Angela **ROGERS**, Independence, Mo., announce the birth of Tyler Shawn, April 14.

HEATHER WIEGAND SAUER, Boone, Iowa, is a copy editor for the *Daily Tribune* in Ames, Iowa.

KEVIN SCHMITZ, Des Moines, Iowa, is an internal auditor for AmerUs Life.

LARISSA SCHULTZ STEFFENSEN, Des Moines, Iowa, is a corporate travel and meeting planner for Communications Data Services, Inc.

CHER THIELE, Ottumwa, Iowa, is a teacher at James Elementary School.

DAVID and **ANGELA SHATZER '95 ZIMMER**, Rockwell City, Iowa, announce the birth of Brittany Lynn, Jan. 28.

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Ryan and **KARN SEVERSON CARROLL**, St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of Seth, Jan. 6.

HEATHER CROW-SCHMITZ, Des Moines, Iowa, is the program director for Campfire.

DOUGLAS and **HEIDI SCHAFER EDWARDS** live in Iowa City, Iowa, where he is in his second year of medical school at the University of Iowa. She is an English as a Second Language teacher at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

AMY FOELSKE and Richard Mortensen, Jewell, Iowa, were married Dec. 28. Amy is a kindergarten teacher at South Hamilton Elementary.

KIM HANNA and James Langley, Dubuque, Iowa, were married Dec. 28. Kim is a student at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

KIMBERLY HERSHEY and **PATRICK RUNCHEY '96**, Des Moines, Iowa, were married Dec. 7. She is a communication specialist at American Republic Insurance, and he is employed by Northern Iowa Construction Products.

JENNIFER BERGAN HOVLAND, Willmar, Minn., is the director of youth ministries at Vinje Lutheran Church.

AARON JOHNSON, Minneapolis, Minn., has an editing position at KSTP-TV.

SHAWN JOHNSON and **ANNE ROTHFUSZ '96**, Des Moines, Iowa, were married April 6. He is a student at the University of Osteopathic Medicine. She is a communications specialist for Easter Seals of Iowa.

AMY HAMILTON KANGAS, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is an office associate for Helzberg Diamonds.

KAREN MYROM, Eagan, Minn., is a technical writer in the general medical-new technology department, Chronimed, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.

CARTINA PEPPERS, Pittsburgh, Pa., graduated from Carnegie Mellon University's H. John Heinz School of Public Policy and Management, with an M.S. degree in public policy and management. She is a financial analyst at Coopers and Lybrand Consulting, Rosslyn, Va.

MELANIE RANDOL and Radu Burja, San Antonio, Texas, were married March 5. Melanie is in the Air Force and is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base.

DENISE McMILLIN SHAFFER, Waverly, Ill., is a reinstatement and payoff specialist with Norwest Mortgage.

ANDREA WILT, West Des Moines, Iowa, is an account consultant at Relationship Marketing.

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TANYA ALBRECHT, Kalamazoo, Mich., is an account representative at Metlife Insurance and Investments.

ANGELIQUE BENTS, Minnetonka, Minn., is an outreach and recruitment assistant/adult education teacher for the Minnesota Literacy Council.

TRICIA BISSEN and Christopher Branden, Austin, Minn., were married Aug. 17. She is employed by the City of Austin.

SUSAN DAIKER and Neil Grant, Iowa City, Iowa, were married Nov. 23. Susan is enrolled in the physical therapy program at the University of Iowa.

Deaths

1916

EDWARD MAAS, Carthage, Ill., died Dec. 6 at the age of 103. Surviving him is his nephew, **ELMER MAAS '37**.

1926

The Rev. **HENRY E. DIETER**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Jan. 27. He was a pastor in the American Lutheran Church for 39 years, serving parishes in Herreid, S.D., and Atalissa, Dubuque, Oelwein, Sheffield, Audubon, and Lost Nation, Iowa. Alumni survivors include his daughter, **ELAINE DIETER '56 GUETZLAFF** and her husband, the Rev. **CONRAD GUETZLAFF '53**; a daughter-in-law, **MILLIE SCHULZ '55 DIETER**; and grandchildren, **ALLAN GUETZLAFF '82** and **AMY GUETZLAFF '84 BOMGAARS**.

J. HARRY GEORGE, Overland Park, Kan., died June 2.

HOWARD RITCHIE, Waverly, died Jan. 30. Alumni survivors include his daughter, **MAXINE RITCHIE '53 HOMAN**; his stepchildren, **CONNIE JO GAARD '65 VAN LANINGHAM**, **RICHARD GAARD '69**, and **MICHAEL GAARD '75** and his wife, **PEGGY SLIFE '77 GAARD**; and his step-grandchildren and their spouses, **TIMOTHY '93** and **AMY VAN LANINGHAM '92 HARN** and **MICHAEL '96** and **MISTY MARTIN '96 VAN LANINGHAM**.

1927

Dr. **REINHART H. RIENSCHKE**, Loveland, Colo., died March 18 of bone cancer. He was 90.

ALMA ENGEL WALTMANN, Hudson, Iowa, died Feb. 26 following heart surgery. Alumni survivors include two sons, Dr. **WILLIAM WALTSMANN '56** and Dr. **AUGUST WALTSMANN '64**, and August's wife, **BARBARA JOHANNINGMEIER '65 WALTSMANN**; a sister, **MATHILDA ENGEL '23 GUTKNECHT**; and grandchildren, **KIRK '81** and **KAREN WALTSMANN '82 KLECKNER**, **RONALD WALTSMANN '86**, **ANTHONY '90** and **DIANE WALTSMANN '90 GOSSMAN**, and **CHERYL WALTSMANN '91 LUNDSSGAARD**.

1930

The Rev. **JULIUS ROEHL, SR.**, Mesa, Ariz., died Oct. 8, 1996. He is survived by his son, Dr. **JULIUS ROEHL, JR. '59**.

1932

JOHN BARTELS, Estherville, Iowa, died Jan. 21.

1933

EDWIN VEEH, Tustin, Calif., died in April.

1938

HELEN WETTERLING JECH, St. Paul, Minn., died Jan. 27. She is survived by her son, the Rev. **CARL JECH '63**. She was a third-grade teacher for many years at Edgerton School in Roseville, Minn.

The Rev. **EUGENE LESCHENSKY**, Cornell, Wis., died Jan. 5. He served parishes in Pepin/Alma, Racine, Cedarburg, Menomonie, Wind Lake, and Janesville, all in Wisconsin. Most recently, he served as visitation pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cornell.

1939

The Rev. **CLIFFORD BURRACK**, Greenfield, Iowa, died Feb. 15. Alumni survivors include a son, **DAVID BURRACK '66**; two daughters, **JUDITH BURRACK '70 NELSON** and **JANET BURRACK '73 MENNEN**; a son-in-law, **TERRY MENNEN '73**; and a sister and her husband, **EILEEN BURRACK '65 KLINGMAN** and **ROGER KLINGMAN '58**. Burrack served parishes in Redfield, Cushing, and Fontanelle, Iowa, and Crandon, Belle Prairie Township, and Bryant, S.D., before retiring in 1983.

1940

CLARA ANNA ANDREAE ANDERSEN, Ontario, Calif., died Jan. 6. Clara was a teacher and social worker and worked more than 20 years at the Ontario Public Library. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. **RUDOLF ANDERSEN '41**.

GRETCHEN HANFF SENFT, St. Paul, Minn., died in August 1996.

1941

IRENE HAHN ARNOLD, Rowley, Iowa, died in July 1996.

MELVIN MEYNE, Charles City, Iowa, died Feb. 12 of natural causes. Melvin was employed in quality assurance at Salsbury Laboratories for 43 years.

1942

The Rev. **EDWIN J. CORNILS**, Thousand Oaks, Calif., died April 19. He served parishes in St. Paul, Minn., and Berlin, Wis.; was a staff member in the department of stewardship and finance of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) in Columbus, Ohio; Western Regional director of stewardship and executive vice president of the South Pacific District of the ALC. He was awarded an honorary doctorate of divinity by California Lutheran University. Alumni survivors include his wife, **DOROTHY WOERTH '36 CORNILS**, and his sister, **MARGARET CORNILS '43**.

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Deaths *continued*

1943

EDWARD MAXFIELD, Waverly, died April 17.

The Rev. VICTOR H. SCHROEDER, San Diego, Calif., died Jan. 12.

NORMA SMULL YARBROUGH, Calipatria, Calif., died Nov. 30 of a massive brain hemorrhage/stroke. She taught school for 33 years in Iowa and California.

1944

The Rev. BERNHARD A. LOESCHEN, Cleveland, Ohio, died Jan. 29.

1945

MARCELLA WINTER REINKING, Waucoma, Iowa, died April 10.

1950

Dr. CLAIRMONT DRUBE, Green Valley, Ariz., died March 27.

1952

MARY LOU MIXDORF BLOBAUM, Gifford, Ill., died Dec. 5 of cancer. Alumni survivors include her husband, the Rev. MELVIN BLOBAUM '52; her father-in-law, the Rev. AUGUST BLOBAUM '25; brothers and sisters-in-law, EVERETT '54 and JEAN BUDDE '55 BLOBAUM, CAROLYN BLOBAUM '55 SCHROEDER, the Rev. EMIL '59 BLOBAUM, LINDA BLOBAUM '63 PEIN, and HAROLD '66 and ELEANORE GERDES '66 BLOBAUM; nieces, BARBARA BLOBAUM '82 KNICKERBOCKER and KERRI BLOBAUM '94; and a nephew, DEVIN BLOBAUM '92. Another niece, ERICA BLOBAUM, is a sophomore at Wartburg.

Dr. ROBERT CAMPBELL, Huntington Beach, Calif., died Feb. 18. He is survived by his wife, DOROTHY WASKOW '53 CAMPBELL.

1954

The Rev. RICHARD BUCHHOLZ, Table Rock, Neb., died Oct. 11 of injuries resulting from an auto accident. He was an interim pastor at St. James in Humboldt, Neb.

SIDNEY HAYDEN CURTIS M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.O.M., Glastonbury, Conn., died March 7 after a brief illness. Alumni survivors include his son, BRIAN CURTIS '95; two brothers, CHARLES CURTIS '59 and GEORGE CURTIS '65, and George's wife, DIANN CUNNINGHAM '66 CURTIS. He was medical director at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft for 14 years and at United Technologies Corporation for eight years before retiring in 1988. After retirement, he helped establish occupational medicine clinics at Bristol Hospital, Bristol, Conn., (Medworks) and Baystate Medical Center (Business and Health). He continued to serve as a physician-consultant to Medworks until shortly before his death.

HOWARD HELBLING, Cape Coral, Fla., died Dec. 13 of cancer.

1955

ROBERT HAUKE DAHL, Ocala, Fla., died Jan. 24.

JAMES H. "JIM" UNMACHT, Dubuque, Iowa, died April 7. He coached and taught in Menlo, Iowa, during the 1955-56 school year and coached and taught physical education in the Dubuque Community School District from 1956 to 1990, when he retired.

Alumni survivors include his wife, RUTH PFOHL '55 UNMACHT; three sons, JAMES UNMACHT II '79, DAVID UNMACHT '81, and DANIEL UNMACHT '84; and a daughter-in-law, James' wife, TRACY WARNKE '82 UNMACHT.

1957

JOHN GOEBEL, Owosso, Mich., died April 6 of pancreatic and liver cancer.

1958

FRED JASPERS, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died April 25. He was a Wartburg admissions counselor during the 1958-59 academic year; a teacher and coach at Britt High School, Britt, Iowa, from 1959 to 1961; assistant football coach, head basketball coach, and physical education instructor at Wartburg from 1961 to 1966; owner/manager of the Sportsman's Corner Store in Waverly from 1966 to 1970; and former golf pro, tournament director, and manager at the Waverly Pro Shop and Waverly Golf and Country Club. He was a Big Ten basketball official from 1969 to 1985. He was a self-employed salesman at the time of his death.

1961

MILDRED BIGELOW, Ionia, Iowa, died Jan. 15 of natural causes. She taught in Chickasaw and Floyd County schools in Iowa from 1935 to 1980, when she retired.

The Rev. JACK HORNER, Muskegon, Mich., died June 9, 1996, of an apparent heart attack. He had served Edgewood Lutheran of Fruitport, Mich., for the past 20 years. He is survived by his wife, ELAINE EGGERT '63 HORNER.

1962

VERONA BATTHAUER ENGELBRECHT, Waverly, died April 26. She taught for two years in rural schools in Clinton and Black Hawk counties in Iowa. After the family moved to Waverly, she did substitute teaching and then continued full-time until retiring in 1971. Alumni survivors include two sons, RICHARD ENGELBRECHT '53 and MARK ENGELBRECHT '61.

1970

STEPHEN FREDRICK, Mindoro, Wis., died Feb. 18 at his home. Steve was superintendent of Melrose-Mindoro Schools at the time of his death. Alumni survivors include his wife, LOIS HARMENING '70 FREDRICK, his mother, JEAN CARRAN '67 FREDRICK, a daughter, JENNIFER FREDRICK '92; a brother and sister-in-law, DAVID '65 and MERRY BUNGER '70 FREDRICK; another brother, Dr. PAUL FREDRICK '71; three sisters, KATHRYN FREDRICK '69 BERGREN, CHRISTINE FREDRICK '73, and CYNTHIA FREDRICK '74; and a nephew, NATHAN FREDRICK '93. His daughter, JESSICA, and another nephew, ANDRE FREDRICK, are students at Wartburg.

1972

DANIEL UHRICH, St. Paul, Minn., died in August 1996. Alumni survivors include his father and mother, WILLIAM '51 and DAISY KLEMM '51 UHRICH; and a brother and sister-in-law, DAVID '74 and JULIE NIELSEN '79 UHRICH.

1981

CAROLE BRODERSEN, Minneapolis, Minn., died in May 1996.

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MICHELE DENNER, Waverly, is a bookkeeper for Strottman Building Center.

ESTHER DUBEC, Waverly, placed seventh in the 1,500-meter run at the Santa Monica Distance Classic, running in competition with several Olympic hopefuls. Her time of 4:27.1 was 10 seconds better than her best time as a collegian, when she was a five-time All-American.

MICHAEL ERICKSON, Minneapolis, Minn., is a senior at Texas A&M University, where he is majoring in finance.

ERIC FOOTE, Macomb, Ill., is attending Western Illinois University as a graduate student in sports administration.

MATT FRYAR, Waterloo, Iowa, is an investment representative for Norwest Investment Services Inc.

LAURIE GERSTENKORN, Waverly, is a graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa. She also is a general technician for John Deere, Waterloo, Iowa.

JENNIFER GRAN, Bethlehem, Pa., is the Arcadia program coordinator at Manor Care Health Services. She is also employed part-time by Music Therapy Associates.

JAY GRAVE, Sibley, Iowa, is the assistant naturalist at Carpenter St. Croix Nature Center, Hastings, Minn.

SARAH HEMESATH, Calmar, Iowa, is a physical therapy aid at Rehab Plus/Rocky Mt. Pain Center in Fort Collins, Colo. She is also enrolled in the massage therapy program at Healing Arts Institute, Fort Collins.

DENISE HOCKER, Hoffman, Minn., is a school social worker with Independent School District 803, Wheaton, Minn.

MICHAEL JENSEN and **JENNIFER JOHNSON**, Coggon, Iowa, were married Dec. 21. He is a vocal music teacher for the Central City School District, Central City, Iowa. She is an ambulance crew member for

People's Memorial Hospital, Independence, Iowa.

KJERSTEN JOHNSON, Sydney, Australia, is a graduate student at the University of Western Sydney-Nepean. She is working on a master's degree in communication arts and cultural studies and is with a video production company that makes documentaries.

MATTHEW JOHNSON, Fairfield, Iowa, is an auditor with Blue Cross Blue Shield, Des Moines, Iowa.

TRICIA KITZMANN, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a public health graduate student at St. Louis University.

AMY LEEMHUIS, Fulton, Ill., is a full-time student in Northern Illinois University's master's degree program in public health.

SARA LIEN and **Daniel Escherich**, Emmmons, Minn., were married Jan. 16. Sara is employed by UCI, Lake Mills, Iowa.

Thalacker heads Alumni Board

John A. Thalacker '65, Rockwell City, Iowa, is president of the Wartburg College Alumni Board. Also on the Executive Committee are Judi Langholz '72, Clive, Iowa, president-elect; Dennis Haugen '75, Kansas City, Mo., secretary; David Unmacht '81, Eagan, Minn., third-year member-at-large, and Mary Daily Gottlieb '75, Highlands Ranch, Colo., second-year member-at-large.

Joining the board this year for three-year terms are Michael Broghammer '79, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Marlene Boyken Ciorba '65, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Terry Dahlquist '65, Seaaville, N.J.; Eleanore Bohlmann Stumme '64, Denver, Iowa; and Ronald Williams '74, Naperville, Ill.

The Alumni Board serves as an advisory board to the college and meets twice a year—the two days prior to Homecoming Weekend and in the spring for a one-day session.

Alumni are encouraged to contact their representatives of the Alumni Office with ideas, concerns, or suggestions. Alumni interested in running for the Alumni Board or suggesting someone as a candidate should contact the Alumni Office at 319-352-8491 or 1-800-772-2085, ext. 8491.

A list of board members and their phone numbers will be printed in the fall edition of *KnightLine*.

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DEB NIELSEN, Mason City, Iowa, is an elementary music teacher at Madison Elementary School.

MARK NORTHCOTT, Idaho Falls, Idaho, is the producer of the nightly news broadcast at KIFI.

SCOTT PAULSON, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a claims reporter for Allied Group Insurance.

ERIC RINDERKNECHT and Dena Wing, Overland Park, Kan., were married Dec. 28. Eric is employed by HyVee.

NATALY FLETCHER ROMERO, Mason City, Ill., is an interpreter for AT&T Language Line.

STEVE SCHNEIDER, Owatonna, Minn., is employed by Tri-M Graphics.

DANIEL SHEEKS, Ottumwa, Iowa, is a snowmaker at Killington Ski Resort in Killington, Vt.

DONALD SMITH, Grinnell, Iowa, is a group manager at Doorcraft of Iowa.

JUSTIN SMITH and Shannon McNamara, Quincy, Ill., were married March 29. Justin is a junior and senior high physical education and health teacher.

DIANNE TOW, Brighton, Mass., is a music therapist at Sherrill House.

JOSHUA WATTERS, Denver, Colo., is a physical education teacher at East High.

MELISSA WESTENDORF, Plainfield, Iowa, is studying interior design at Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, Iowa.

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NICOLE THOMPSON and Israel Ochoa, Forest City, Iowa, were married Oct. 5. She is employed by Manufacturer's Bank and Trust.

GINGER THUME and Nathan Romig, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were married Aug. 10, 1996. She is attending the University of Northern Iowa.



Christmas with Wartburg 1997

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Open Rehearsal, Neumann Aud., 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Neumann Aud., 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5

Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 8 p.m.
Dinner preceding performance

Saturday, Dec. 6

Civic Center, Des Moines, Iowa, 7:30 p.m.
Dinner preceding performance

Sunday, Dec. 7

Neumann Aud., 3 p.m.
Dinner following performance, Student Union, 4:30 p.m.



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JULY

- 19-20 Wartburg Basketball Team Shootout**—Directed by head basketball coach Dick Peth and open to high school teams.
- 20-24 Wartburg Basketball Camp**—Directed by head basketball coach Dick Peth and open to students in second through 12th grades.

- 11 Opening Convocation**—Campus Mall, 9:30 a.m., Dr. Paula Brownlee, president of the American Association of Colleges and Universities
- 20 Campus Visitation Day** for Prospective Students
- 23 Leadership Convocation**—Neumann Auditorium, 9:30 a.m., Steve Werner, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity

- 17-19 Homecoming Weekend** (see back cover)
- 18 Wartburg Community Symphony Concert**—Neumann Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 21 Human Rights Convocation**—Neumann Auditorium, 9:30 a.m., Dr. Bill Schulz, Executive Director of Amnesty International
- 23-26 Fall Term Break**

AUGUST

- 2-3 Basketball Shootout**
- 3-7 Cross Country Camp**
- 8 Campus Visitation Day** for Prospective Students
- 9-11 Meistersinger All-State Music Camp**
- 11-15 Kids and Computers**—An event for students in grades 3-6. Sponsored by the Church Relations Office.
- 16-18 Meistersinger All-State Music Camp**
- 26 Waverly Outfly Picnic**

OCTOBER

- 1 Artist Series, The Capitol Steps**—Neumann Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 3-4 Family Weekend Registration**—Visitors Center, 6 p.m./8 a.m.
- Family Weekend President's Brunch**—Student Union, 11:45 a.m.
- Family Weekend Cabaret Show**—Neumann Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 5 Family Weekend Worship**—Wartburg Chapel, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- 7 Iowa Humanities Day Convocation**—Neumann Auditorium, 9:30 a.m., includes related panels, exhibits, readings and performances based on the theme, Person, Spirit, Place: Patterns of the Midwest
- 10 Campus Visitation Day** for Prospective Students
- 11 Junior High Day**—Sponsored by the Church Relations Office
- 16 Alumni Board Meeting**—East Room, 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Artist Series, The Colorado String Quartet**—Neumann Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 4 Global/Multicultural Convocation**—Neumann Auditorium, 9:30 a.m., Students share insights from their cultural immersion experiences.
- 7 Campus Visitation Day** for Prospective Students
- 7-8 Cedar Valley Science Symposium**—An event for high school students
- 8-9 Fall Band Concerts**—Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m./2 p.m.
- 14-16 Fall Play Production**—Players Theatre, 8 p.m./8 p.m./3 p.m.
- 18 Corporation Education Day Convocation**—Neumann Auditorium, 9:30 a.m., Author Sally Helgesen discussing taking advantage of ideas of all personnel within an organization
- 22 Iowa Music Education Association Convention**
- 26-30 Thanksgiving Break**

SEPTEMBER

- 2 International Student Orientation**
- 6 New Students Arrive**
- Parting Worship**—Wartburg Chapel, 4 p.m.
- 10 Classes Begin**

DECEMBER

- 4 Music Visitation Day** for Prospective Students
- 12 Knightlitters Jazz Band Concert**—Players Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Wartburg Community Symphony Concert**—Neumann Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 14 December Commencement/Baccalaureate**—Wartburg Chapel, 10:30 a.m.
- 15-18 Final Exams**
- 19-Jan. 5 Christmas Break**

Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery Exhibitions

Open daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

- Sept. 8-Oct. 3**—Drawings by Barbara Fedeler
- Oct. 7-Nov. 5**—Landscape Invitational, in conjunction with the Iowa Humanities Convocation
- Nov. 10-Dec. 13**—Waverly Artists Group Show
- Jan. 7-Feb. 10**—Charles City Print Collection
- Feb. 14-March 16**—Connie Herring, Mary Mellow, Toni Johl, mixed media
- March 20-April 3**—Iowa Watercolor Society
- April 20-May 27**—Wartburg Senior Show
- July 1-30**—Quilt National, contemporary quilt designs

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HOMECOMING '97 Highlights October 17-19

- Special Reunions
 - Class of '52
 - Class of '57
 - Class of '62
 - Class of '67
 - Class of '72
 - Class of '77
 - Class of '82
 - Class of '87
 - Class of '92
- Alumni Best Ball Golf Tournament
- Alumni Dinner with awarding of Alumni Citations to:
 - Rev. Frederick Gonnerman '55
 - Miriam Lutz '84
 - Rev. Keith Tomlinson '65
- Kastle Kapers
- Knight Kap
- Parade
- Renaissance Faire
- Football game
- The newly renovated Founders Hall
- Unveiling of North Hall commemorative plaque
- Oktoberfest
- Athletic Hall of Fame awards
- Sunday worship
- Sunday concert . . . and much, much more

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